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The steamships *Saxonia* and *America*, with advices to the 16th inst., arrived at this port yesterday morning.

The *Marathon*, from New-Orleans, and the *Delaware*, from Philadelphia, both arrived at Liverpool May 13.

The *Leicester*, from New-York, arrived at Gravesend May 13.

The wreck of a schooner, with foremast standing, mainmast lying alongside, most of bulwarks gone, and water-logged and with "New-York" in white letters on her stern, was passed April 17, in lat. 32° N., lon. 45° W., by the *Nanhania*, arrived at Liverpool.

A dispatch dated at Liverpool, May 13, reports that the number of deaths from cholera is increasing. Dr. Ross, of the *Helvetia*, has died. Three more emigrants belonging to the *Jesse Munn* have died—two on board the ship, and one at the Birkenhead depot.

The disease has appeared at the new depot at Bankhall, and five patients have been removed to the workhouse.

A dispatch dated Paris, May 14, says: The *Union de l'Ouest* has received a warning for an article dated May 11, which is accused of "distorting and calumniating the intentions of Government, which it represents as provoking to war, whereas in fact it is at this very moment redoubling its efforts to assure the peace of Europe."

The *Courrier du Dimanche* has also received a warning (the second) for an article by M. PREVOST PARADOL of last Sunday, which distorts the nature of our political institutions, by representing that they are not based on liberty.

The warnings do not calm the public suspicion that mischief is brewing.

A Barcelona dispatch of May 14 says: There is a great run on the banks of this city for the exchange of notes and withdrawal of deposits. Some suspensions have already taken place, and others are expected to follow.

Advices received at St. Petersburgh announce that the Emir of Bokhara, having failed in his engagement, and at sched a Russian detachment which had commenced a retrograde movement on the faith of his promise, Gen. ROMANOVSKY attacked a numerous body of Bokhara cavalry, defeating and pursuing them twenty versts, and capturing 14,000 sheep.

AMERICAN TOPICS.

Speech Day in the House of Representatives—Bunkum American Oratory.

Correspondence of the London Times.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 21.

All through the session of Congress there are certain days set apart in the House of Representatives for the convenience of members who wish to make known their views on public affairs. They are called "speech days," and at the beginning of the session every member who intends to address the House has his name entered upon a list which is afterwards kept by the Speaker. This list is constantly lengthening, for one day will only get rid of perhaps half-a-dozen names, while a week will not pass but twenty new ones will be added; so that, at the present moment, there is hardly any hope for the members who stand last on the roll. The names are called by the Speaker in the order in which they are entered, and it often happens that a gentleman is required to deliver an essay which he prepared four months before, and which has little or no bearing upon any question of the hour. The next thing to do with a speech thus "out of fashion" would be to put it behind the fire; but there are few men gifted with a taste for speaking who can bring themselves to perform this act of self-sacrifice. They read their effusions therefore, with a fine disregard of time or reason, even if they have to praise them (as Mr. THADDEUS STEVENS did some of his the other day) with the statement that his remarks did not have any strict application to the present state of affairs, but the speech was prepared some time ago, and he "could not afford to lose it." Every Saturday is the regular time appointed for these flights of oratory, but there are other occasional opportunities upon which both branches of Congress may indulge in a great field day. A Senator dies, and his brethren meet together and pay affecting tributes to his memory; or a member of the House is to be expelled because he does not belong to the Radical Party, and that presents a suitable opening for proving out of JEFFERSON, MADISON, and the *Federalist* what are the true principles of the Constitution. An adjourned debate, also, gives numerous chances to the orators of Congress, but these are not properly called "speech days," for there is generally some business transacted before the flood-gates of eloquence are opened. On a regular "speech day" there is nothing to interrupt the flow of wit and wisdom with which members amuse and instruct each other, and the outer world also, for whose advantage every word they utter is carefully printed.

On these interesting Saturdays, the House meets, as usual, at 12 o'clock, and when the Speaker takes the chair, and the eagle on the top or a rod has been placed by his side, the Chaplain offers a prayer. This ceremony is very often in itself a striking and remarkable one. The excellent Chaplain (who is of the Methodist persuasion) belongs, like everybody about Congress in these times, to the Radicals, and prays for them, and against their sinful and cruel adversaries, very earnestly every day. Blessings are entreated for the just, who are striving to "elevate" the negro, and grace for the unrighteous who are in haste for reconstruction. The morning after the passing of the Civil Rights Bill in the Senate the worthy Chaplain returned thanks for that "; the hearts of certain Senators had been so turned as that another victory was won for freedom, and the attempts of tyranny (alluding to the President and his veto) had been frustrated." Praying at the President in this manner is now very common in the House, but sometimes the chaplain takes a higher range, and startles his hearers by some such passage as this, which he delivered in a prayer a few weeks ago: "O Lord, Thou hast governed the world six thousand years, and we believe Thou hast governed it well." Thus the approbation of Congress was given to the government of the universe in a way that must have been very soothing to the pride of all true American citizens. This extemporary prayer concluded, the Speaker looks to his list, finds where the last name was checked off, and calls the next in order. From this time till 4 or 5 o'clock the visitor may enjoy the speeches without interruption.

It is found, however, that as information as to the true value of this entertainment is not circulated beyond the public mind it has made them very shy of the Capitol. Visitors no longer go to the House on these occasions, and the galleries are almost empty. A few negroes may loiter about listening to all that is said in praiseworthy, but misdirect pursuit of knowledge, and the ladies' galleries will probably be adorned by the wives or daughters of the members who are to be the orators of the day. The floor of the House has a deserted and sombre appearance; oftentimes there are scarcely a couple of score members in the House, who are swallowed up in that large chamber, and they all amuse themselves by reading the newspapers or writing letters. The Speaker writes his letters also, merely passing to look at what time a speaker begins, and to knock with his hammer when the prescribed hour is up. The members understand thoroughly that they are not to look for the attention of the House, but to have their speeches printed in the *Globe*, so that they can send them to their constituents, and with that arrangement they are perfectly satisfied. Nine-tenths of the essays are read from manuscripts; they are nominally upon the President's Annual Message, but they discuss everything except that document, and are mainly repetitions of what has been said hundreds of times before in this very session. Even on regular business days, when an able speaker is addressing the House, there is very seldom any applause, unless under pressure of great excitement. The cry of "Hear, hear," has not yet been borrowed from Parliament; and on the speech days, as no one listens to the orations, there are neither signs of approval or disapproval ever shown. In fact, there is no more dull or dreary way of spending an afternoon even in Washington (which presents extraordinary facilities in that direction to the stranger) than to sit through the meeting of the House. The speakers cannot help being chilled by the indifference of their audience. In vain they look round for even one attentive listener, or try to break the spell which holds members to their papers and their desks. The visitor will have reason to be proud of his patience and endurance if he does not fall asleep, and from such a slumber he is sure to be aroused by a "sentiment," such as the following, posed forth in stentorian tones. To Mr. MCKEE, of Kentucky, belongs the quotation:

"The traitor's voice is hushed, and must be silent forever; the green grass which grows upon the patriot's grave, the flowers which bloom around their resting-places shall wave in the triumph of freedom, and the whirlwind and the hurricane—blest, as they sweep past their tombs, recede with tones that will shake the world!"

Or, in language less poetic and affecting, the wandering attention may be arrested by an animated piece of declamation like that with which Mr. DUMONT, of Indiana, recently favored the House:

"What name but anarchy, rampant and flagrant anarchy, even which the fallen spirits and incarnate devils might hold a jubilee, would run give to such a state of affairs as this? A little hell in the family all the time! Oh, what a glorious Government that would be! Freedom's soil beneath our feet! And freedom's banner streaming o'er us! The home of the free and the hope of the brave!"

The common run of members are proud of such outbursts as this; they print them in the *Globe*, after careful revision, and then have the whole speech got up in the form of a pamphlet and sent to their constituents. There is nothing in the earth or above it which a frequenter of Congress will not hear "claimed" for the United States—all Powers have conspired to make the nation free and powerful. A few Saturdays ago I heard Mr. HOGAN speak as follows (the quotation being made from the *Globe*, to prevent mistakes):

"The Constitution of our country was formed upon the model which the great Architect of the universe established when He formed this planetary system of ours."

The danger of pushing this comparison too far had probably occurred to Mr. HOGAN'S mind, for he left it to his hearers to work out the analogy. Another gentleman—Mr. BENJAMIN—recently took the entire parable of the Prodigal Son, paraphrased it, and formed from it, as he said, a plan of reconstructing the Union. A more extraordinary use of Scripture was, perhaps, never made in an assembly representing an intelligent people, as one or two extracts will show. They are taken from the official reports, revised by Mr. BENJAMIN himself:

"'A certain man had two sons, and the younger said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." And he divided unto them his living.' Now, I infer, dear Uncle Sam, 'I want to secede. I am deprived of my rights here; therefore I prefer to set up for myself and be let alone.' His father, rather more Christianlike than Uncle Samuel, flatly consented. 'And not many days thereafter the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country' Dixie, probably—'and there wasted his substance with riotous living.' It is not stated that he stole anything when about to leave, nor that he attempted to take the life of his benefactor. Unlike our erring brothers, he did not seize on his father's strong box, a la New-Orleans and Charleston, nor abandon his parents his weapons of defence, *a la* FLOYD. But the world has grown wiser since then. 'And when he had spend all there arose a mighty famine in that land, and he began to be in want.' How completely this plank in the platform fits, proving conclusively its architect to be a master workman! 'And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat, and no man gave unto him.' The blockade was effective, you observe. He finally—probably after about four years' absence—came to himself and returned to his father, who still had 'bread enough and to spare.' As he met the old gentleman he exclaimed in the anguish of his soul, evincing a spirit of real and sincere penitence: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son, make me as one of thy hired servants.'"

There was a great deal more of the same kind, and the speaker concluded by saying: "Here, gentlemen, is a plan of reconstruction ordained of God and transmitted to us from Heaven." Similar in tone and spirit was a remark made last Saturday, by Mr. GARFIELD, in mating a speech on the death of President LINCOLN. He said that the American people stood "so near the vail which separates mortals from the immortals," at the time the late President was murdered, that "the whispers of God were heard by the children of men," and he concluded by quoting a parody of "JOHN BROWN," ending with, "For God is marching on." Of course, there are many members of the House who would be very much ashamed to deal with sacred names or themes in this spirit, and who disdain to use the common claptrap of the stump. But it if not for such members that speech days are set out, and consequently the present account has no concern with them. On the other hand, it is not so unusual as it will probably one day become to hear a thorough business-like speech on a subject which called for nothing more than a plain business-like statement. There was a proposal before the House a few weeks ago to make an appropriation toward the exhibition of American productions and manufactures next year at Paris. On that occasion Mr. (formerly General) BANKS, who had to move the resolution, pointed out to his audience the glories which were in store for the nation at the World's Fair. Prof. AGASSIZ, he said, would "electrify the world" with his scientific discoveries, and prove to it "that in a few years the sons of the noble families of every nation in Europe will be sent to the Universities of this country to complete their studies." The American people would also startle Europe by showing specimens of the clothing they wear—and it is not flattery to say that a large part of Europe would be very justly startled if faithful specimens of American hats, coats and boots were placed in the show, to say nothing of certain appendages of female attire which any one may see exhibited in the shop windows of Broadway. Then the world is to be indulged with the sight of the log cabin in which Mr. LINCOLN was born. Lest these things should fail to place AMERICA at the head of nations, a baggage-wagon which went all through the war will be sent to the Exposition, and, said Mr. BANKS, "a pair of worn-out shoes, the dress of an American soldier, the shelter-tent under which he slept, his bayonet, his musket, his knapsack, his cap, his rations, anything that belonged to him, will attract more attention and draw greater crowds of people, and hold them longer and closer than will the Crown jewels of England." This patriotic sentiment was received with great signs of favor by the House, which, no doubt, was much moved at the thought of all the effete Powers of Europe crowding round the glass case which holds these touching memorials of the war, a worn-out pair of boots and a soldier's rations, chemically preserved, let us hope. In the naval department Mr. BANKS—this is the Gen. BANKS who left so checkered a record behind him in the Shenandoah Valley—proposes to send a Monitor which will "challenge the navies of the world to discharge their batteries upon it," "if they will allow that Monitor to return the fire of each by a single shot." "We want," this gallant, if somewhat luckless officer went on, "to impress upon the people of Europe and Asia that if there is a chance to make friends with the Americans it is better to do it than to make us enemies," for in the latter case you must all be prepared for a war "that will carry havoc and devastation into their country as it has been carried into the country of our enemies." This stirring passage was also received with applause by the House, as even the Congressional *Globe* places upon record. Also Mr. BANKS proposes to send you FARRAGUT, GRANT, SHERMAN, and SHERIDAN, "that we may show the world of what stuff our army and navy are made." Beside all this it is intended to contribute specimens of the American newspapers, and these, like the soldier's rations and his old boots, will be great curiosities in their way, and ought to awaken the astonishment of the civilized world. Of course, this extravagant fustian is laughed at by sensible men in the House, as it would be anywhere else, but nevertheless any one who was present when Mr. BANKS spoke will avouch that it was applauded more, and seemed to take with the audience better than almost any speech of the session. Such harangues are so common that no one who tried to give a fair and general description of the proceeding in Congress could possibly omit to notice them.

THE GERMAN QUESTION.

The Policy of Louis Napoleon—Important Declarations by a Semi-Official Organ.

From the Constitutionnel, May 12.

The policy of *peace and neutrality* adopted by the Emperor's Government in the present crisis is so conformable to the dignity and the interests of France, it is so sensible and logical, that it scarcely needs any commentary and can be understood by every one. In his declaration of May 8 the Minister of State, in re-affirming this policy, and desiring to grapple with certain lamentable prejudices, energetically set forth the *reasons which bound France to the cause of peace, and the seal with which the Imperial Government had applied itself to its maintenance.* Upon all occasions when it has had to explain itself the Government has given to Prussia as to Austria, and to Austria as to Italy, none but counsels of moderation. It has warned them against measures which, under whatever pretexts they might have been adopted, could eventually only provoke war; it has pointed out the inevitable inconveniences of extraordinary armaments and the dangers that would accrue to the Power which should commence hostilities. This pacific policy necessitated a perfect neutrality as well for the direct protection of French interests as to allow the Emperor's Government to exercise actively in all quarters, and under all favorable circumstances, the influence which its conduct in former crises, and the services it has rendered to the cause of European order has acquired for it. Neutrality, again, has permitted France to reserve for itself—a subject of great congratulation—an entire freedom of action. This attitude of the Government in presence of the existing contest in Germany, and which threatens to extend to Italy, is, therefore, perfectly explained and justified by its inclinations in favor of peace, by its duties toward the interests of France, and by its sympathies for the welfare of Europe. It has, nevertheless, pleased certain parties to attribute other motives. It has been supposed that France *has secret arrangements and concealed objects; that she has yielded to suggestions which would be flattering to her ambition.* Particular interviews are remembered and are quoted as proofs. Individual names are put forward. It is pretended to make known the projects upon which is based the action of Powers which appear to desire war. It is thus sought to charge us with responsibility for the future. Let us declare loudly these rumors, which might end by becoming injurious, *have no foundation whatever.* Everything contradicts them—good sense, facts, a policy persistently practical. *This policy has nothing concealed, and nothing to conceal.* It is carried out in open day. Thanks to Providence, France has, in the reign of NAPOLEON III., a sufficiently great position in Europe not to need to have recourse to crooked schemes. What she thinks, what she wishes, what she wills—all she declares loudly. *She has not two policies, of which the mission of one is to cover and disavow the other.* She has not side by side with her official words and documents other and secret correspondences and engagements. The faithful expression of the sentiments of the country, the Government of the Emperor desires to preserve peace upon conditions which will afford full satisfaction to the National honor and interests. It has no other motives and no other object. It is, then, not permissible to represent the Government of the Emperor as engaged in warlike projects which it disapproves and regrets. Such is the exact truth. All the reports which tend to excite in the public mind impressions of a contrary character *have no other bases than unreflecting suppositions or interested falsehoods.*

Different Accounts of the Emperor's Speech at Auxerre—The Interpolated Passage—Military Strength of Prussia.

Correspondence of the London Times.

PARIS, Sunday, May 13.

There have been different accounts of the Emperor's short speech in reply to the address of the Mayor of Auxerre on Sunday last, which, as it appeared in the *Moniteur*, made such an impression in Paris and throughout the country. The true version is this: The passage about the "detestation of the treaties" was added on his return to the Tuileries; and that about his "breathing at ease" among the working populations of the country and of the towns, and discerning in them the "true genius of France" was spoken on the spot. That these words *were occasioned by displeasure at the applause bestowed on M. Thiers' now famous speech*, was at once perceived by all who read them, and, indeed, is not denied by the Government papers. As for the Deputies, they were so conscious of the offence they had, perhaps, impulsively committed, that a decree for dissolving the Chambers would not, perhaps, have greatly surprised them. Indeed, there were a few among them who anticipated some still harsher measures. Two or three evenings ago, an officer of rank attached to the Imperial Court and an Opposition member of the Legislative Body met in a certain *salon* in Paris. The deputy, eminent for years as an orator, a politician, and a passionate lover of liberty, was a representative of the people in the time of the Republic, a member of the Chamber of Deputies under Louis PHILIPPE, and was one of those arrested in the mairie of the 10th arrondissement during the *coup d' état*, and lodged in the cavalry barracks in the Quai d'Orsay. The officer, then a colonel, now a general, was the same under whose ears the captive deputies passed in single file before being transferred to MAZAS. "General," said the deputy, "I apprehend that I shall soon be in a position to seek once more your hospitality, and I hope you will not refuse it me." The other bowed, not clearly understanding what was meant, and replied that he should be happy to do what was agreeable to him. "Yes, but I hope we shall meet with better treatment this time, particularly in the mode of conveyance to MAZAS, than on the 2d of December." "You don't seriously believe, M. ——, that anything of the sort is contemplated? The very suspicion is absurd." "Well, I don't know; things as unlikely, and even more unlikely, come to pass. But, seriously, if you get orders to arrest us all, you hesitate to obey?" "Well, if I get orders, of course, as a soldier, I am bound to obey; but, believe me, no thought of the kind has ever entered the Emperor's head." The conversation, half jest and half earnest, dropped, but I do not affirm that the civilian was quite convinced by the assurances of his military friend.

It appears that the Emperor speaks freely with some of his military household on the present state of affairs. *He expresses his belief that war is all but inevitable.* France is neutral, of course; but it shall go hard with her if she does not reap some advantage from it—something to compensate her for her sufferings in other times. "Liberty of action" is the concluding part of M. BOUHER'S programme of the policy of France, and it is probably the only part which is meant to be serious.

If anybody really entertains fears of extraordinary measures against the Legislative Chamber, these are groundless. The Emperor has no need to have recourse to them. If the Legislative Body embarrass him, he can dissolve it when he thinks proper, and would have six months' time before him to convoke another. By the 43d article of the Constitution the Senate is authorized to provide, in the meantime, for all that is requisite for carrying on the Government, and in six months a great deal may be done.

It is said that French officers who have recently examined the military resources of Prussia and the organization of her army report that there is not much chance of her success in a campaign against Austria unless the German auxiliaries act. In fact, the Prussia is no match for her rival. Gen. FLEURY, accompanied by two or three aides-de-camp, has gone to England. There is a good deal of curiosity about the object of his visit at this moment. A few speak of the mission having reference to a Congress; but others think that, if there really be a mission, it is for the purchase of horses for the cavalry.

A letter from Nice of the 8th instant, in the *Courrier de Marseille*, mentions that a camp of observation, to be composed of 30,000 men, and to be established in the Alpes-Maritimes, with quarters at Cannes, Antibes, Grasse, Vence, Nice, Villafranca, Monaco, and Mentone, is much spoken of. The writer adds that small detachments had already set in for the winter quarters, and set out the following morning for the Italian frontier. The barracks, which are uninhabited, are being fitted up to receive troops, and likewise the fort and arsenal of Villafranca. Monaco is capable of accommodating 1,500 troops. That was the number quartered there during the Piedmontese protectors e, previous to the annexation of Nice and Mentone. The director of the military bakery at Nice is said to be making preparations to supply troops.

The Relations of Austria and Prussia—Close of the Correspondence on the Subject of Armaments.

It may reasonably be supposed, says the Vienna correspondent of the London *Times*, that the subjoined dispatch has brought to a close the diplomatic correspondence between Austria and Prussia on the subject of their respective armaments:

COMMUNICATION MADE TO COUNT KAROLYI IN BERLIN, ON THE 8TH OF MAY, 1866.

"I have the honor herewith to forward to your Excellency a copy of a dispatch of the 30th of April from the Prussian Cabinet which was communicated to me by Baron VON WERTHER. According to this dispatch, the Government of His Majesty the King of Prussia thinks there is no reason why Austria should prepare for war, and call in an auxiliary army in Italy. It declares that, if Austria should not think fit to place the whole Imperial army on a real peace footing, it will not be possible for Prussia to carry on the important and momentous negotiations with the Imperial Government in any other way than by maintaining an equilibrium in the warlike preparations of the two Powers. Your Excellency will understand that we, after this declaration, must consider the *negotiations for a simultaneous disarmament on the part of Prussia on the one side and of Austria on the other as at an end.* After the solemn assurances given by us in Berlin and in Frankfort, Prussia can have no reason to apprehend aggressive proceedings on our part, and Germany can have no cause to fear that we shall disturb the peace of the German confederation. *Just as little does Austria think of attacking Italy*, although on all occasions the forcible detachment of a part of the Austrian territory has been the already pronounced programme of the Florence Government. It is our duty to provide for the defence of the monarchy, and if the Prussian Government finds in the armaments of Italy a motive for upholding her own readiness for war, we can but fulfill that duty—which admits of no foreign control—without entering into a further discussion as to the priority or magnitude of the several military measures. In Berlin it cannot be unknown that we have not only to provide for the integrity of our own Empire, but also to protect the territory of the German Bund against an aggressive movement on the part of Italy, and we therefore may and must, in the interest of Germany, seriously ask of Prussia whether she thinks the demand that the frontiers of Germany shall be left unguarded compatible with the duties of a German Power. As Count VON BISMARK informed Count KAROLYI, he summoned the Royal Saxon Government to suspend its armaments, we must express our conviction that the King of Saxony, like the Emperor, our most gracious Lord, only thinks of that defence which is imposed on him by the Federal treaties, which make the prevention of a breach of the peace a duty common to all the members of the Bund. Your Excellency will communicate the foregoing remarks to the Prussian Minister-President and consider yourself empowered to give him a copy of the present dispatch. Accept, &c.,

MENSDORFF, (M. P.)

The Proposed Cession of Venetia.

Correspondence of the Independence Belge.

PARIS, May 12, 1866.

The earnest efforts of diplomacy to prevent an European conflagration are undeniable, especially on the part of England and Russia. They have been joined in to a certain extent by France. All these Powers manifest a warm sympathy with Italy, but none with Prussia. The cession of Venetia is suggested more or less directly, but Austria, unfortunately, is immovable upon that point, as, then for the present, and persists in converting a good cause into a bad one, believing that the events of the last few days have served her interests. Austria would, under any circumstances, demand a territorial compensation were she to abandon Venetia, and mention has been made, ironically, it must be supposed, of Silesia, but it is evident that such a proposition could not be made to Prussia without placing right and justice on her side. It is not, then, the restoration to Italy of a province which belongs to it that, according to all appearances, will be the means of preventing war. This fact is much to be regretted, as it is only by such an arrangement that the peace of Europe can be assured. However, there still remain some chances of a further postponement of actual war. Those chances rest upon the obvious reflections and perhaps the hesitations of the Prussian Government, in view of the formidable, unanimous and irrevocably determined attitude of the imposing majority of States which has pronounced against Prussia, and which will certainly be increased by a part of the minority whenever the absolute necessity of a choice shall arise.

The Treaty of Vienna.

From the Pall Mall Gazette, May 12.

As the Treaty of Vienna may once more be made the stalking-horse of Bonapartist ambition, it may be interesting to the general reader, who is more learned in present politics than in past history, to be reminded what that famous treaty really was. In the first place, it was signed by a larger number of States than had ever before united in a settlement of European affairs, including Austria, France, England, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Portugal and Sweden. Coming also immediately after the widespread shattering of old landmarks consequent upon French conquests, the rearrangement of territories amounted almost to a reconstruction. This reconstruction was based almost exclusively on dynastic considerations, the real welfare of nations and the subjection of what are now called nationalities being scarcely thought of. Everywhere were nations, or fragment of nations, placed under foreign sovereignties. England's gain, indeed, was fully equaled by her loss in the new plan. She kept Malta, which was essential to her position in the Mediterranean, and where her rule was not unwelcome; for the sake of Hanover, nominally she undertook the protectorate of the Ionian Islands, now got rid of; and to satisfy royal prejudices, she also preserved the kingdom of Hanover, now also got rid of. In Italy, Milan and Venice were given to Austria, and Sardinia was confirmed to Piedmont; while the duchies of Tuscany, Parma, Modena, and Piacentia were recognized as absolute independent sovereignties, governed by collateral branches of the Austrian Hapsburgh. Austria still further obtained possession of the Tyrol, Illyria, and Dalmatia. Prussia's gains were enormous, and, unlike many of the Austrian, were acquisitions of real power. With half of Saxony, nearly all Westphalia, Swedish Pomerania, and almost all the Lower Rhine provinces, she started afresh as a rival of Austria far more formidable than before. In the North of Europe Russia received Finland from Sweden; as a compensation for which Sweden received Norway, which was taken from Denmark; and Denmark, who was not represented at the Congress, got nothing in return. As to Poland, the three great partitioners made some feeble rectification of boundaries. The innumerable small German States which had existed before the French Revolution, and which had been what diplomatists call mediatised, or, as plain people call it, swamped, at the seizing up of the Bonapartist Confederation of the Rhine—these all remained swallowed up by their powerful neighbors. Holland, having ceded her German possessions, was consoled with the Belgic Provinces; and became a kingdom, and Switzerland remained much as before. In the same year, 1815, political pharisaism accomplished its masterpiece, the "Holy Alliance" between Austria, Russia and Prussia, by which they bound themselves to act for the future on Christian principles only, and immediately proceeded to enforce the absolute supremacy of Kings as the one great principle of Christianity. All Europe acquiesced in the announcement, with three notable exceptions—the Sultan, whose opinion was not asked, and England and the Pope, who both declined to have anything to do with the imposture.

LATEST DISPATCHES.

Austrian Preparations for War.

A telegram from Vienna, of May 13, says: "The outbreak of war is considered imminent. Military preparations and patriotic manifestations continue. The departure of the Vienna garrison for Bohemia will commence on the 14th. The Government has determined to admit the reciprocal inviolability of private property at sea, with the exception of contraband of war.

A ministerial degree prohibits the export of grain over the frontier to the Zollverein or Switzerland, in order to prevent any shortness of supplies in the victualing of the army. Patriotic appeals are being made calling for contributions for the formation of volunteer corps.

It appears that at this manifestation Baron WERTHER is stated to have had an interview with Count MENSDORFF, in which he declared that it placed him under the necessity of leaving Vienna immediately.

It is added that the Prussian Minister will start for Berlin this evening. Marshal BENEDEK arrived at Vienna on the 13th.

Count BISMARCK, the former Minister of War, is reported to have proceeded on a special mission to Munich.

A ministerial decree prohibits the exportation of arms over the Italian frontier, as well as to Switzerland, to the Zollverein, and by sea to the Austrian ports. The passports of travelers crossing the Schleswig frontier will again require the Austrian visa.

In order to prevent the disappearance of small silver money from circulation, arrangements are being made to circulate the copper and silver coinage held by the collectors of the public revenue. In case of necessity the bank notes, of small denominations, held by the Imperial Treasury, will also be issued."

The independent Vienna journals continued to demand the convocation of the Reichsrath.

It is asserted that the Emperor has determined, in the event of war, to make the Regency of Hungary the Emperor, who would be assisted by a responsible Hungarian Government.

The mission of Count MUHLFELDT has failed.

The Committee for the Control of the Public Debt will shortly present to the Emperor their financial report, which is said to express an unfavorable opinion of the financial measures of the present Government.

An Imperial decree has been issued abolishing the exemption from military service by the payment of substitute money. The soldiers on furlough, and those belonging to the reserve, have been ordered to join their respective regiments.

A dispatch from Trieste says:

"The mobilization of the Volunteer Corps destined for Mexico has been countermanded, the corps has been disbanded, and the greater portion enrolled in the Army of the North."

A circular of the Austrian Government has been addressed to the different German States, demanding that any discussion relative to the convocation of a German Parliament, should be adjourned until the different Governments have agreed upon a basis for the execution of Federal Reform.

Intelligence from Venetia states that only four-and-a-half divisions of Austrian troops will remain in Venetia. The rest of the troops are being dispatched by train to Bohemia and Moravia, and will be concentrated chiefly on the Prussian frontier.

A dispatch from Milan of the 14th inst. says:

"Intelligence received here from Venice states that 2,000 sailors had arrived in that city for the defence of the lagunes, and that orders had been issued to organize a body of 1,200 boatmen for transporting soldiers to the Island of Lido. Twenty-two thousand Austrian troops had passed through Mestre, their march through that district occupying twenty-four hours."

Preparations for War in Prussia.

A telegram from Berlin of May 12 says:

"The reply of Prussia to the Austrian note of the 26th ultimo, upon the question of the Duchies, was presented yesterday in Vienna to Count MENSDORFF. The settlement proposed by Austria is declined. Prussia makes no other proposals, but intimates that she may do so. Hope are still entertained in some quarters for the maintenance of peace, probably on the ground that Austria will make some concessions.

'It is believed that no formal treaty has yet been concluded between Prussia and Italy."

A dispatch from Berlin of May 13 says:

"Count BISMARCK is said to intend modifying the Prussian Cabinet, and appearing before the new Chambers with a ministry formed from a coalition between the Conservatives and Liberals.

It is reported that the Elector has witnessed a summons to Hanover, on account of her warlike preparations, and has announced her intention of occupying the military roads of that State.

The Russian General, Prince WITTGENSTEIN, was received by the King yesterday, after which he had a long interview with Count BISMARCK. Propositions in reference to the formation of the various military staffs have been laid before the King.

The military chests are organizing. A meeting of two thousand electors belonging to the working classes was held here to-day, at which it was unanimously resolved that it was the duty of the Deputies, shortly to be elected, in view of the threatened danger of war, to maintain the constitutional rights of the country, and on no account to give their consent to the course pursued by the Government before a solution of the internal conflict was arrived at."

The Minor German States.

A telegram from Leipsic of May 13 says:

"The greatest excitement prevails here to-day, owing to a report that the Prussians had crossed the Saxon frontier, and that a collision between the Prussian and Saxon troops was imminent. The rumor has not been authenticated.

The army of Hesse Darmstadt has been placed on a war footing. The calling out of the Eighth Federal Army Corps was being considered.

A decree has been issued increasing the strength of the infantry companies to one hundred and twenty men."

A dispatch from Munich of May 12 says:

"Orders have been issued for adding a fourth battalion to each infantry regiment.

Cantonments are to be erected at Lichfelde, and near Nuremburg, for two divisions of the Bavarian army."

A telegram from Prague announces that the Bavarian troops have advanced to the Bohemian frontier. It is announced that the Kings of Bavaria and Wurtemberg and the Grand Duke of Hesse will hold a conference on the 14th.

The Project of a European Congress.

From La France, May 13.

The present period of suspense has not been lost; a very active exchange of diplomatic communications has been taking place between the Cabinets, and the idea of a Congress limited to the consideration of pending questions has been again taken up with a certain activity. It is stated that, in order to facilitate the realization of this idea, France has declared that she would join the Congress with perfect disinterestedness, without raising any question of a nature to complicate the difficulties of European arbitration.

From the Florence Opinione, May 14.

No formal proposal for a Congress has yet been made by any European power. Only semi-official communications have been exchanged on the subject; but if a formal proposal should be made we think that Italy should accept it, upon two conditions—namely, that she may remain armed and continue her armaments, and that the cession of Venetia be included in the programme of the Congress. These conditions are essential.

Italy and Prussia.

A dispatch from Berlin dated the evening of the 14th inst., says: "On Saturday evening a conditional treaty of alliance was signed between Prussia and Italy. One of the articles stipulates that neither Prussia nor Italy shall contract a separate treaty with Austria in the event of either of them being attacked by that Power."

Preparations in Italy.

A dispatch from Trieste of the 14th inst. says: "It is stated that the Italian squadron, under Rear-Admiral VACCA, has left the Bay of Taranto and taken up a position in the Adriatic between Ancona and the Dalmatian island of Grosza, thereby closing the Gulf of Trieste, and threatening Venice, Trieste, Pola and Fiume."

A despatch from Florence, dated May 14th, says: "GARIBALDI has accepted the command of the volunteers, declaring at the same time that he hopes soon to co-operate with the glorious army of Italy in accomplishing the destinies of the nation."

THE PANIC IN ENGLAND.

Subsidence of the Panic—Its Sudden Rise—Interesting History of the Whole Affair.

From the London Times, May 15.

The panic may be said to have passed away as suddenly as it arose. On Saturday the city breathed again; yesterday the wonted feeling of security had almost returned, and suspicion was no longer master of the situation. Commerce has had its crisis before, but it must be confessed that *none has ever come upon us so sharply and so suddenly as that from which we are now escaping.* The week before last—nay, as late as Wednesday—nothing had happened to excite unusual alarm. The Bank rate of discount was not so high as it has been again and again in the last three years, and though the glories of the Finance Companies had begun to pale, and it was known that the Imperial Mercantile Credit Association was tottering, there was no reason to apprehend any panic in consequence of a collapse which was distinctly foreseen. It was the suspension of OVEREND, GURNEY & Co., on Thursday, which awoke the terror of creditors. The name of the firm was historical, and the magnitude of its liabilities showed that the mass of depositors thought highly of the public company with limited liability as of the private partnership. It was notorious that the spare money of town and country bankers had often been deposited with OVEREND, GURNEY & Co., or, at all events, had been employed through their agency, and all well-informed men dreaded the effect of the suspension of such a house upon the popular imagination. Friday showed that their apprehensions were well founded. Depositors ran to the banks to get back their deposits, and the banks, unprepared for such a sudden rush, ran to the Bank of England to draw out their money, and to ask for further assistance. *Four millions of money were lent by the Bank of England during the day in addition to deposits repaid*, and, though a considerable part of the money thus withdrawn found its way back, the cash in hand fell from £5,727,000 to something under £3,000,000. The reserve was amply sufficient to meet all the liabilities of the Bank of England, but it was evident that the assistance it had rendered on Friday to bankers in distress could not be repeated. *The situation was full of danger, and amply justified the interference of the Executive Government.* Symptoms, indeed, were not wanting on Friday night that the bitterness of the crisis was past; but it was quite possible that things might yet take an ugly turn, and the suspension of the Bank Charter Act, under the circumstances, was a proper act of caution.

We are disposed to make every proper allowance for the conduct of the London bankers. A banker makes his profit by reinvesting the money left in his hands, and it is quite impossible that such a trade should be preserved at all times, at a moment's notice, to repay all his creditors. It is, however, plain that on this occasion many of the London bankers were wholly unprepared; their cash reserves were not merely inadequate to meet the demands upon them—they were almost altogether wanting. The competition between the banks for custom, and the endeavor on the part of the joint-stock banks to outdo one another in the magnitude of their dividends, had induced them to trade upon cash balances dangerously limited. When the rush came they had nothing to do but to betake themselves to the Bank of England and beseech the Directors to re-discount the bills they produced from their bill-boxes. An attempt was thus made to convert the whole of the Bank of England into the reserve of all the banks in London. The Bank of England had about six millions in money in its coffers to meet liabilities of about twelve millions, and under no circumstances conceivable as practically arising would this proportion be found deficient. But if private and joint-stock banks keep cash balances amounting to little more than 3 per cent. of their liabilities, they have no right to expect that they can escape the consequences of their recklessness and improvidence by resorting to the Bank of England with bills to be re-discounted. In any case, if they do rely upon such assistance, they ought to be prepared to pay the famine prices consequent upon such a general competition for what is after all a limited supply. The Bank of England is as much a trading company as any other banking association—private or joint-stock—in Lothbury or Lombard-street; the Directors of the Bank of England owe the same duty to their stockholders that the directors of any other bank do to their shareholders; they are bound in the first place to keep money enough in hand to be ready for any contingency, and in the next to invest the surplus on the best terms consistent with safety. The deputations, we are told, "of persons of the greatest weight and influence, and representing alike the private and joint-stock banks of London," which presented themselves in quick succession in Downing-street on Friday had neglected these considerations, and the one thing they sought was to compel the Bank of England to surrender the advantage it had gained by the superior prudence of its Directors. The thrifty were mulcted for the benefit of the unthrifty; the foolish virgins made such a clamor that they compelled the wise virgins to share their oil with them, whatever might be the consequence. The suspension of OVEREND, GURNEY & Co. was the first cause of the panic: the too scanty reserves of London bankers aggravated it; and the credit of the Bank of England was called upon to allay it. We do not disapprove the action of the Government; on the contrary, we believe what they did was inevitable under the circumstances; but it is right that the blame of having conducted the affairs of Friday night should be borne by those who are properly answerable for it—that the bankers, bill brokers and merchants who discounted bills at the Bank of England to the extent of four millions on that day should not escape the condemnation which their willful carelessness as to their own stability deserves.

Permission was given by the Bank of England on Friday night to override the provisions of the Bank Charter Act, and the panic abated on Saturday morning. It is an easy conclusion that the Bank Charter Act was the cause of the panic, and the conclusion is apparently strengthened when it is remembered that the panics of 1847 and of 1857 were saved by similar infractions of the law. It may be plausibly argued that as the Legislature has disregard the act dissipates the fear of universal insolvency, the restrictions impos

CURRENT LITERATURE.

GIOTTO'S TOWER.

By H. W. LONGFELLOW.

How many lives, made beautiful and sweet
By self-devotion and by self-restraint—
Whose presence is to fill with comfort and
Whose absence is to fill the heart with loneliness—
Go to enshrine themselves in the foundation
Of this great tower, as in the sacrifice
Of Iphigenia, that the winds might blow
Auspicious for the ships with sails unfurled!
Thus perished in the night of self-oblivion
Those unknown thousands, who, in after years,
Were to be numbered with the saints of God.
Thus perished they, that perishing might live
In the sublime expression of this tower
Pointing forever upward, and beyond
The passing cloud, the passing bird of prey,
Pointing to God, and God's eternity!
Thus perished they, that perishing might live
In the aspiration of this lofty tower,
Which, with its mighty arms outstretched to bless,
Entreats and implores forever, and in vain
The multitudes that throng the public square
To look upon its beauty and its power,
To look and pass, and to forget it ever!
Alas! how few of all who dwell within
The shadow of its overpowering walls
Ever have caught the meaning of its form,
Or have considered it in any other
Than as a piece of architecture alone,
Nor felt the soul that lives and breathes through it!
Alas! how few have caught the secret of
Its power and beauty, as it rises up
Day after day, and year after year,
Through the transparent medium of the air,
Nearer to God and heaven, and still more near!
Alas! how few have caught the secret of
Its strength, as it endures unmoved
The sunshine and the storm, the wind and rain,
Through the long centuries, that have passed
Like clouds above it, and have cast no shade
Upon its purity and its perfectness!
Alas! how few have caught the secret of
Its life, that warns us, while it counts the hours,
That we are not for Time, but for Eternity!

Other witnesses deposed to the sudden hilarity of that poor simple clown? The same witnesses deposed to the gloomy and taciturn habits of the deceased. A neighbor, who had frequently visited the house, deposed to the fact that he had never seen a book in it, except a Bible and Almanac. Another neighbor deposed to the fact that he had frequently seen the deceased reading the Bible. Other witnesses deposed to the fact that the deceased had frequently said that he had no time to read books. Other witnesses deposed to the fact that the deceased had frequently said that he had no time to read the Bible. Other witnesses deposed to the fact that the deceased frequently said that he had no time to read anything. Other witnesses deposed to the fact that the deceased frequently said that he had no time to read anything, and frequently said that he had no time to read the Bible. Other witnesses deposed to the fact that the deceased frequently said that he had no time to read anything, and frequently said that he had no time to read the Bible, and

hung up by the armpits, in some public place, as false witnesses.

So far as records go, this singular case was the last in which, in French law courts, the question of ghost or no ghost was made the subject of legal argument and sworn testimony.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

A Perpetual Motion Seeker.

The celebrated French physician, PINEL, relates the case of a watchmaker who was infatuated with the chimera of perpetual motion, and to effect this discovery, he set to work with indefatigable order.

From unremitting attention to the object of his enthusiasm, coinciding with the influence of revolutionary disturbances, his imagination was greatly heated, his sleep was interrupted, and at length a complete derangement took place. His case was marked by a most whimsical illusion of the imagination; he labored under the idea that he had lost his head upon the scaffold; that it had been thrown promiscuously among the heads of many other victims; that the judges having repented of their cruel sentence, had ordered their heads to be restored to their respective owners, and placed upon their respective shoulders; but that in consequence of an unhappy mistake, the gentleman who had the management of that business, had placed upon his shoulders the head of one of his unhappy companions. The idea of this whimsical change of his head occupied his thoughts night and day, which determined his friends to send him to an asylum. Nothing could exceed the extravagance of his heated brain; he sung, he cried, or danced incessantly; and as there appeared no propensity to commit acts of violence or disturbance, he was allowed to go about the hospital without control, in order to expend, by evaporation, the effervescence of his spirits. "Look at these teeth!" he cried, "mine were exceedingly handsome; these are rotten and decayed. My mouth was sound and healthy; this is foul and diseased. What difference between this hair and that of my own head!"

The idea of perpetual motion frequently recurred to him in the midst of his wanderings, and he chalked on all the doors or windows as he passed the various designs by which his wondrous piece of mechanism was to be constructed. The method best calculated to cure so whimsical an illusion appeared to be that of encouraging his prosecution of it to satiety. His friends were accordingly requested to send him his tools, with materials to work upon, and other requisites, such as plates of copper and steel, and watch-wheels. His zeal was now redoubled; his whole attention was riveted upon his favorite pursuit. He forgot his meals, and after about a month's labor our artist began to think he had followed a false route. He broke into a thousand fragments the piece of machinery which he had fabricated with so much toil and thought and labor. He then entered upon a new plan, and labored for another fortnight. The various parts being completed, he brought them together; he fancied that he saw a perfect harmony among them. The whole was now finally adjusted—his anxiety was indescribable—motion succeeded; it continued for some time, and he supposed it capable of continuing forever. He was elevated to the highest pitch of ecstacy and triumph, and ran like lightning into the interior of the hospital, crying out, like another ARCHIMEDES, "At last I have solved the famous problem, which has puzzled so many men celebrated for their wisdom and talents!" Grievous to add, he was checked in the midst of his triumph. The wheels stopped! the perpetual motion ceased! His intoxication of joy was succeeded by disappointment and confusion; though to avoid a humiliating and mortifying confession, he declared that he could easily remove the impediment: but, tired of such experimental employment, he determined for the future, to devote his attention more closely to his business.

There still remained another imaginary impression to be counteracted—that of the exchange of his head, which unceasingly occurred to him. A keen and unanswerable stroke of pleasantry seemed best adapted to correct this fantastic whim. Another convalescent, of a gay and facetious turn, instructed by beforehand, adroitly turned the conversation to the subject of the famous miracle of St. Denis, in which it will be recollected that the holy man, after decapitation, walked away with his head under his arm, which he kissed and condoled with for its misfortune. Our mechanician strongly maintained the possibility of the fact, and sought to confirm it by an appeal to his own case. The other set up a loud laugh, and replied with a tone of the most ironical ridicule: "Madman as thou art, how could St. Denis kiss his own head? Was it with his heels?" This equally unexpected and unanswerable retort forcibly struck the maniac. He retired confused amid the laughter which was provoked at his expense, and never afterward mentioned the exchange of his head.—*Temple Bar.*

A French Bagne.

The Paris journals are employed in carefully hiding the details produced in a letter to the *Messager du Midi*, from Toulon, wherein, while describing the arrival and departure of LEPINE, the fashionable shoemaker of Paris, the member of the Legion of Honor, and the highly respectable citizen, condemned for the murder of his mistress under the most aggravating circumstances, the writer proceeds to describe the punishments awarded to the two convicts who lately escaped from the Murillon, and who were recaptured after several days' starvation in the woods and fields. These men have been consigned to what is called the "Hells of the Bagne." Now, it seems necessary that the public should be kept in utter ignorance of the very existence of such a place, in order that the French papers may go on boasting of the superior humanity of the French laws over those of every other nation, and each time they mention the cruelty of England and "the torture of the lash," thank God, who has not made Frenchmen of the same harsh clay as that of which the Anglo-Saxon has been moulded. These Hells of the Bagne consist of a number of subterranean cells hollowed out beneath the casemates of the fortifications of Toulon. They are just wide and long enough to contain the body of a full-grown man, who, if above the common height, has not sufficient room to stretch his legs. The convict is chained by the leg to a ring in the wall; his hands, crossed one over the other by a strong iron gyve which encircles the wrist, remain in the same position during the whole time of his punishment, which extends to one, two or three months, according to the gravity of the offence. He is forced to eat, to sleep, and act with his hands in the identical posture in which they were left by the blacksmith employed to rivit the double gyve on his entrance. No light is suffered to penetrate this "hell," and only just sufficient air to prevent its miserable inmates from being suffocated by the fetid emanations from the pail fixed in a hollow of the wall, and which forms the only furniture of the place. After a month or two of this punishment, it seems that the man who has not meanwhile been conveyed to the cemetery of the madhouse is found to have grown as tractable as any smoking dove. No convict has ever been known to incur the punishment a second time. The reason of this may be easily guessed, for there are are but three to choose from. The writer of the letter mentions, by the way, that his visit to one of these "hells" was accidental, the public never having been admitted even to a knowledge of their existence, lest the general indignation should bring down reprobation on the Government.—*London Globe.*

Madame Grisi.

Referring to Mme. GRISI's reappearance at Her Majesty's Theatre, the *Pall Mall Gazette* says:

"Such singing as Mme. GRISI now favors her audience with has seldom been heard at a good Italian theatre. We were informed in Mr. MAPLESON's prospectus for the present season, that this once celebrated artist had been 'prevailed upon' to return to what, we believe, was called, and justly, 'the scene of her former triumphs.' But every one knows that five years ago she was 'prevailed upon' to retire from a theatre at which she had held a very distinguished position, and that, by way of insuring to this retirement a final character, she was 'prevailed upon' to sign an agreement binding her not to reappear in public until after the expiration of three clear years. Considering the condition of Mme. GRISI's voice at that time, to impose upon her three years' abstinence from public singing seemed equivalent to requiring her absolutely to withdraw into private life. The manager of the Royal Italian Opera reckoned without his host, and in the ordinary course of nature it was impossible that Madame GRISI, after so arduous an unbroken career of thirty years, should recover powers which already for some time had evidently begun to fail her. The miracle has not been worked. A voice full of imperfections in 1861, when, out of respect to a singer who had so long held the highest place in public favor, no one liked to notice them, has now scarcely a trace of beauty left; nor is there at present any reason why this fact, patent enough to those who heard Madame GRISI on the evening of the 8th, should not be plainly stated. Admiration, respect is due, no doubt, to old favorite, but some little respect is also due to the public; and after two triumphant final appearances it is not considerate on the part of Mme. GRISI to continue any further by coming before us a third time. Like *Don Basilio* in the 'Barber of Seville,' she refuses to take a hint, and it is absolutely necessary to say *Buona sera* to her in a very explicit manner." The *Daily Telegraph* says: "We understand, on the best authority, that the engagement between Mme. GRISI and Mr. MAPLESON has been canceled. In taking this step Mme. GRISI has exercised a most wise discretion."

Marshal Magnan.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily News* writes: "The late Marshal MAGNAN, who commanded the army of Paris at the time of the *coup d'etat* of 1852, is described at length in Mr. KINGLAKE's book—a history which, though to some extent discredited on account of its sensational character, is, as I can vouch from personal knowledge, one of the most truthful in all essential particulars, that ever was written. Well, Marshal MAGNAN, who was smelt out by a keen nose as an officer in difficulties, who was of the stuff to make a tool of, never knew what it was to draw back full pay before the *coup d'etat*. The half of his pay was always seized by creditors. After the *coup d'etat* he was furnished with means to pay his debts, and he led a magnificent life till about two years ago, when he quitted this world full of years and honors. A lawsuit with his heirs has just brought to light the by no means astonishing fact that his old reckless habits continued on a large scale after his accession to fortune, and after his intimate association with an set difficult to justify in any case, and requiring for an excuse the evidence of good faith and great personal purity on the part of the actors. Well, it has transpired that Marshal MAGNAN pawned his Senator's salary as a security for gambling transactions on the Bourse, and the legal question not yet decided is, whether the quarter's arrears due at the time of his death can be made available by the creditor."

Russian Journalism.

M. KATKOFF, the well-known editor of the Moscow *Gazette*, has at last got himself into trouble, and at this moment defies the Government with the same vigor that he formerly showed in supporting it. M. KATKOFF was more than once nearly coming into collision with the authorities two years ago, when he attacked what he considered the pro-Polish policy in a series of something like one hundred and fifty articles, all nominally based on M. SOLOVIEFF's "*Qui Aro-t-on de la Pologne.*" M. KATKOFF's great idea is the unification of the Russian state, and the abolition of all provincial or national distinctions in the non-Russian parts of the empire; and in pursuing this chimera he has denounced certain influential parties in the Government whom he considers capable of opposing his tendencies." After hinting the intention of sending M. KATKOFF a "warning" if he persisted in his attacks, the Minister of the Interior has at last addressed a first *avertissement* to him, on the ground that his false accusations are "calculated to excite mistrust toward the Government." The "warning" appears in the official *Northern Post*, and according to law, M. KATKOFF ought to insert it in his own journal. This, however, he distinctly refuses to do. The penalty to which a newspaper editor is liable for not accepting and publishing a "warning" is 25 roubles a day, (about $4;) and M. KATKOFF declares that he will pay this fine for three months, and then withdraw altogether from the journal which has gained such a high reputation under his management, and which, whatever its faults may be, is immeasurably superior to all journals that had ever appeared in Russia before. Whatever be the result of the little misunderstanding between M. KATKOFF and the Government, it is interesting to see the attitude that an independent Russian publicist dares to take up under the reign of ALEXANDER II.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

A Walk Across Europe by a Boy.

A feat of juvenile courage and perseverance has just been accomplished by a French boy of thirteen which is worth mention. Three months ago, dissatisfied with his treatment by an uncle in Paris, he started from the latter capital with 60f. in his pockets to go to his mother, who is married to a second husband, a French workman in the employ of the Shah at Teheran. With the aid of a map and guide-book the little adventurer tramped right across Europe, receiving such hospitality by the way that, on reaching Constantinople, he had still nearly half his francs remaining. After a short rest in Pera, he crossed the Bosphorus, *en route* for Persia, but a little beyond Scutari was stopped by some Turkish policemen and brought back till an interpreter was found. His story being thus learned, he was passed over to Pera and placed in charge of the French Consul, in whose custody he now is, unable to understand why he should be interfered with, and angrily impatient to pursue his journey. Love for his mother, and a keen yearning for her protection, rather than any mere wild impulse of boyish adventure, seem to have been his chief motive throughout.—*Levant Herald.*

Imprisonment for Debt in France.

A point of law relating to imprisonment for debt, of some consequence to foreigners, and not generally known, has been settled by the Civil Tribunal of the Seine. A short time since M. SCHULLMANN, a merchant residing in Paris, arrested a Bavarian on the ground that he was about to leave the country without paying his debts. The latter disputed the legality of the arrest, on the plea that his creditor is a Bavarian, and therefore not entitled to avail himself of the privilege conferred on creditors by the law of 1832. The defendant commenced proceedings, first, to set aside the arrest as illegal; and, secondly, to recover damages for illegal arrest, for which he claimed 20,000f. The defendant, however, pleaded that he had been authorized by a decree to establish his domicile in France, and that consequently he enjoyed all the civil rights of a French citizen. The Court adopted this view of the case, confirmed the arrest, and condemned the prisoner in costs.

Road-making in France.

A series of experiments has been conducted for some time past by the municipal authorities of Paris, in order to test the comparative merits of the LEMOINE and BALLAIRON steam locomotives employed in crushing and consolidating the broken granite laid on the streets of that city. It has at last been decided that the BALLAIRON locomotive is the better of the two. It has two rollers, the engine being between them and the boiler on one of them. The motion is communicated by a chain. Coal, fuel and water the weight of the BALLAIRON steam roller is 13½ tons with springs, and an iron frame work 15¼ tons. Its force is ten-horse power, and its consumption of coal about 16 pounds per horse. It does its work in half the time and at half the cost that would be required were the work done by rollers drawn by horses, and the work is done more rapidly and completely. It may now be seen at all hours of the day crushing smooth the granite of the new boulevards of Paris; in the more crowded thoroughfares it works only at night.

A Winter on the Matterhorn.

M. BLATTER, one of the three meteorologists who have passed the Winter in a part of the Matterhorn, 10,000 feet above the level of the sea, for the purpose of taking observations, descended a few days back to the village of Meringen. He related that his brother and himself had enjoyed excellent health, while their companion, an Italian, had suffered severely from the climate. The greatest cold had been 23 deg. Réamur, (19½ below zero Fahrenheit;) as recently as the 24th of March the temperature was 23 9-10 Réamur. The average throughout the Winter was 16 deg. Réamur, (4 below zero Fahrenheit.) Their provisions had consisted of meat from the Valais dried in the air, and which had remained almost perfectly sweet. The only living creature the observers had seen were choucas, (a kind of jackdaw,) which flew around the hut without the slightest timidity.

A Portuguese Editor.

The chief editor of the *Lucifer*, a scandalous publication, belonging to the lower order of the Lisbon periodicals, has been sentenced by a decree of the Supreme Tribunal to fifteen years' transportation. This worthy, whose name was GUIMENS, made it his business to call occasionally upon certain personages of the upper classes with a proof in his pocket of disclosures of a personal character, which he required must appear in a print unless a certain sum could be paid to his colleagues, who were of course most mercenary. In this way he appears to have extorted money from the Marquis DE VIANNA, LEANDRO DA LUZ, Director of the Bank of Portugal, and others. But unfortunately he flew at higher game, and tramped up a scandalous story about the King and the Duchess of Palmella, a matter which was beyond all patience. In consequence of this he was accused and brought to trial.

Learning in the East.

The taste for historical studies, which is one of the particular characteristics of the present age, is beginning to penetrate into the East. The town of Edchmiadzin, near Mount Ararat, in Armenia, the residence of the patriarch, contains a splendid library, composed of 6,000 Armenian MSS., of which the literary world was hitherto quite ignorant. A catalogue of the collection has now been printed and presents a vast field for researches into the religious and political history of Central Asia. It reveals the existence of unknown works by the fathers of the Church, and of fragments of DIODORUS, SICULUS and of ARISTOXENUS. The Armenian patriarch declares, in an official preface, that those manuscripts which have been kept secret will be for the future not only open to examination, but that extracts may be taken for learned men in all parts of the world, if they pay the cost of copying.—*Paris Moniteur.*

SCIENTIFIC MATTERS.

Sudden death is in many, perhaps the majority of cases ascribed to "heart disease," and persons threatened with that mysterious affection deem themselves incurable and peculiarly the subject of supernatural control. An investigation into the causes of sixty-six sudden deaths in Europe, proves that heart disease, so-called by the physicians, was present in only two of the subjects. Nine died from apoplexy and 46 from congestion of the lungs. The latter disease is a sudden flooding of the blood passages in the lungs, to such an extent that not enough air could enter to support life. Congestion of the lungs is brought on by cold feet, tight clothing, sitting still until chilled immediately after heating exercise—sudden changes of a sort similar to the last and depressing news. From this catalogue, persons suspecting the presence of heart disease can see that quietude and moderate changes are best for them.

The *Iridoscope* is the name for a new eye instrument. Half a pill box perforated by a fine needle will answer. Cover the eye closely with this and look steadily at the sky. The observer can watch his own tears streaming over the eye, note the dilation and contraction and even see the aqueous humor poured in when the eye is delighted with long observation. The value of the instrument lies in the fact that a person with a cataract will see only a sort of veil covering the luminous disc seen by heal hy eyes.

A recent report to Earl RUSSELL on United States coals, says that the Cumberland coal is the best. This is used by the Cunard steamers, which fact explains a curious perplexity. In the old races between the Cunard and Collins steamers the Cunarders invariably beat going East, and the Collins on the Western voyage, the reason being solely that the Cunarders used Cumberland coal on the voyage from America and Welch coal on the return.

Seasoning is to be done in future by machinery. An Englishman having invented a new system of logic, next proceeded to make a machine which will return true answers to logical premises, read off on the keys of the instrument just as a piano returns related sounds in response to finger touches. The machine is to gain its first fame in the exposure of scientific fallacies.

Three trains were recently stopped on one Scottish railway simply by the force of the wind and all at the same hour; one of the trains was stopped in a deep gap through which the wind poured with immense force. The front of the engine was afterward found to be covered with a whitish deposit which proved to be salt, and the bright parts were much rusted.

A German experimenter stretched some carefully washed linen cloth on poles, so as to form a sort of roof. Over one roof he allowed dilute hydro-chloric acid to trickle for fourteen days and over another a one per cent. solution of soda. The solutions were then examined and found to contain traces of silicia, soda, potash, alumina, iron, manganese, chlorine, carbonic acid, phosphoric acid and sulphuric acid.

The word used in the Hebrew (Joshua, v., 2) in speaking of the Jewish sacrificial knife implies that it was made of flint, and the same word is elsewhere translated, "sharp stone." It is probable that this knife was a piece of some stone, perhaps obsidian or "volcanic glass," which formed the sacred knives of all savage races, especially those living in volcanic countries.

The glacial theory is now extended to the moon. The theory rests on a comparison of stereoscopic views of the moon and the [illegible] affording proof of the [illegible] identically within 240 miles of us, and of the same character. Since the publication of [illegible] the mountains of the moon are invaded at the rate of [illegible] Swiss Alps can be detected with the naked eye.

Every one has seen meteors shoot suddenly across the sky at night. An astronomer now reports the passage of an unburned meteor, which in supposes was outside the fluid coma and tail of a comet. It was a dark body moving with immense rapidity and visible only by coming between himself and the moon.

If acetate of soda is fused and allowed to cool in presence of a limited amount of moist air, it will not crystallize, but assume a pasty consistency even at zero. But if then exposed freely to dry air and touched with a dry solid body, it will suddenly "set" in a mass of prismatic crystals, and disengage so much heat that its temperature rises to 54°.

Geologists hold that no new animals or plants have come in since the creation of man. But not so of diseases. New ones appear every now and again. The last is called acetbæmia because it is supposed to arise from the formation of acetone arising from the decomposition of organic substances as grape sugar in the stomach. It has proved fatal in a few hours.

English papers now pay great attention to American inventions in ordnance, armored ships and other similar productions. Full drawings and explanations of some of the peculiarities of our service are from time to time published in foreign scientific journals.

The peat of the famous Chat Moss is 17 to 25 feet thick when wet, but when drained the thickness falls to half this or less. The Moss is being reclaimed, and the excavations show signs of a former forest of oaks, with a dense undergrowth of birch, hazel, &c. The Moss may once have been an arm of the sea.

BUNSEN, in examining the spectrum of didymium, has found that the black lines peculiar to that element vary according to the direction the light is allowed to pass through the crystal. This shows that physical structure has something to do with the spectrum lines as well as chemical constitution.

Lovers of strong tobacco for smoking may enjoy their fancy without imbibing too much nicotine by putting a little wad of cotton soaked in tannin or citric acid in the pipe-stem. The smoke in traversing this leaves so much of its nicotine that only two parts in seven pass through to the mouth.

The French Government has offered a prize of 50,000 francs for the discovery of the method by which voltaic electricity may be made applicable to manufactures as a source of heat, to illumination, to chemistry, mechanics or practical medicine. The offer is open for five years from April 18, 1866.

An error in placing a fine dot which fixes the length of a base line in astronomical measurements, amounting to 1-5,000th part of an inch, will amount to an error of 70 feet in calculating the diameter of the earth, 306 miles in the sun's distance, and 65,800,000 in the distance of the nearest fixed star.

Heat has always been supposed to assist the union of gases which possessed any affinity for each other. But a Frenchman has found that oxygen has no tendency to unite with hydrogen, carbonic oxide or carbon at a temperature higher than the fusing point of platinum.

Every nation that has a place in the Paris Exhibition is to have also a restaurant where the peculiar tastes of its people are appealed to. Polynesia is to be largely represented, and Equatorial Guinea somewhat so. We may therefore expect the most show of blubber, "slush," bird's nest ricasaees and rat.

The English iron-clads have the following speeds at deep-draught and running over a measured mile under the most favorable circumstances: *Warrior*, 14,150 knots per hour; *Black Prince*, 13,604; *Defence*, 11,618; *Resistance*, 11,634; *Hector*, 12,36; *Valiant*, 12,633.

A new lens for photographers' use is made in Germany, with a focus of 10 to 20 inches. It is composed of two lenses of crown glass, and is perfectly achromatic. Its principal use is for landscapes.

It is said the dance around the May-pole, in which the peasantry of some countries indulge every Spring is the trivial remnant of an old form of worship with which the Bound Towers of Ireland were connected.

It is proposed to make lucifer matches by putting the phosphorous on first and the sulphur over it. In rubbing the sulphur will break or wear off and expose the phosphorous to friction. Such matches will not take fire so easily.

Another skeleton has been found in England, which, from some accompanying pins made of bone, and supposed to have been used to fasten the dress, is referred to an age before the use of metal for such purposes was known.

A *post mortem* examination of a young French officer disclosed the fact that all his internal organs were reversed in position; the heart on the right side, the liver on the left, &c. He had always had excellent health.

A rats' tail may be cut off and inserted into any other part of the animal's body, even by the small end, and the nerves will soon learn to convey sensation in a direction opposite to that to which they are accustomed.

Another mammoth has been found frozen in ice in Siberia. The Russian Government have sent an expedition to find him, which hopes to reach the spot before the dogs have entirely dispatched the animal.

The well-known value of phosphate of lime as a manure is now attributed to a power which that substance possesses of purifying flesh or nitrogenous substances.

A "chemist" in London, for a fee of five shillings, returns a method for adulterating butter, fat, tallow or suet, and potatoes. The result is only bad butter.

The Duke of Hamilton, finding his valuable herd of Ayrshire cows in danger from the Rinderpest, sent them down his coal mines, where they enjoy perfect immunity from the plague which rages above.

The Teutons have the largest brains of any people, and the ancient Australians and Peruvians the smallest. The average negro brain contains nine cubic inches less than the Teuton.

The making of soda is a long process. But it has been found that the contact of steam with salt water will produce caustic soda and hydrochloric acid, and the process may be simplified.

When water is boiled under oil and the steam collected and condensed, a bubble of gas remains, which is found to be nitrogen, proving the absorptive power of water upon gases.

A medical professor of some distinction has been compelled to recommence the laborious studies of six or seven years, from having lost his memory by an attack of typhoid fever.

After several years' costly experiments, the English Ordnance officers are just arriving at the conclusion that a gun which is almost the *fac-simile* of our Parrott yields surprising results.

The eruptions of volcanoes are referred to the contact of ocean water with subterranean heated matter.

The Hottentots are supposed to be the most ancient people in Africa, and at one time to have covered the larger part of that continent.

Vanadic acid is worth $150 per ounce, yet the clay bed which underlies London is estimated to contain 303,443 tons.

In 1767 an English cathedral was repaired by means of a wicker-work scaffold, constructed by an ingenious basketmaker.

One of the ancient aqueducts which supplies Jerusalem with water is formed of blocks of stone so keyed together as to form a perfect syphon.

Ivory may be rendered quite flexible by soaking it in hydrochloric acid. On drying it becomes hard again, but water will now restore its flexibility.

The latest reported California discovery is an ink mine, furnishing an article equal to any "writing fluid."

LIEBIG proposes to ventilate close places by keeping fresh hydrate of lime exposed in them. This rapidly absorbs carbonic acid.

Crystals of gold, iridium or platinum, can be obtained by decomposing the chlorides of those metals under certain conditions of temperature.

The consumption of oxygen by animals varies directly with the surface and inversely with the bulk of their bodies.

Immense pressure will prevent the formation of ice, because this counteracts the expansive property of water turning into ice.

Cornstalk paper is used for primary school books in Austria. It is yellowish and less fatiguing to the eye.

Sir ISAAC NEWTON is said to have had a magnet set in a fingering, which, though weighing only three grains, could sustain 746 grains.

The rotating fan so much used for ventilating mines and blowing furnaces is spoken of as early as 1630.

A suspension bridge at Vienna has cast steel chains which were proved under a strain of 25 tons to the square inch.

The engines of the English iron-clad ships expend 6-10ths of their power in propelling the vessel, and 4-10ths in overcoming friction, &c.

High pressure steam has been used in the distillation of mercury.

The silk which is used every year at Lyons is sufficient to encircle the earth 32,508 times.

Hybernating animals sometimes increase in weight by respiration alone.

China shares a large part of the silver produced in Nevada.

The petroleum product of Pennsylvania in 1865 was 2,279,000 barrels.

The locomotive engines alone of Great Britain transform 13,392 tons of water into steam every day.

The coloring matter of leaves is unchanged by nine years of putrefaction in the absence of light.

Fifty millions cubic feet of water pass Montreal in the St. Lawrence River every minute.

Soap bubbles for philosophical investigation are now blown from a solution of oleate of soda. A little talent has been discovered in a supposed [illegible] Swiss Alps can be detected with the naked eye.

The population of London in 1905 is calculated at 6,000,000 souls.

The largest Amsfeld barometer yet made has a dial two feet in diameter. It is extremely sensitive.

Paris is now supplied with ice from the Swiss Alps, the crop having failed near the city.

The rare metal Indium is found in considerable quantities in a zinc blende from Germany.

Electrical machines made of well-baked (but not charred) wood give much better results than the glass or ebonite discs.

Pharaoh's Serpents are bad bitern of those that make them. Mercurial diseases result from handling the compounds.

LAW REPORTS.

Sales at Auction—Contracts of Purchase and Sale at Auction are Founded on Mutual Promises and are Not Perfected Until they Have Received the Assent of Both Parties—Assent is Not Had Until a Bid is Made and Accepted, and the Property Struck Down to the Bidder—Duties and Agency of the Auctioneer and of the Master.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Levi S. Bloscomers. The Milwaukee and Chicago Railroad Company.—The plaintiff in this case applied to the Court below to have the sale of the defendants' road upon the foreclosure of a certain mortgage confirmed to him—he having been the highest bidder at the sale, (which was not accepted,) and the sale having been subsequently discontinued at the direction of the solicitor for the complainants in the foreclosure proceedings. The prayer of the petitioner was denied, upon the ground that the parties to the case had entered the decree of record and directed the master to discontinue the sale.

Appeal was thereupon taken to this Court, where a motion was made to dismiss the same, which was denied, the Court ruling that a bidder at a master's sale in chancery thereby subjected himself to the jurisdiction of the Court, and would be compelled to perform his agreement specifically. It was said: "It would seem that he must acquire a corresponding right to appear and claim at the hands of the Court such relief as the rules of equity proceeding entitle him to."

Upon the argument on the merits, the appellant put forth the same theory—that the bidder subjected himself to obligations, and must acquire corresponding rights; that he was entitled to have protection. That in his bid he had such a property as could be assigned for a consideration; such a property as would be protected in the hands of his assignee; that the owner of the decree could not, by compromise or settlement after the rights of the bidder had thus attached, and thus extinguish those rights, without his consent, without compensation for the injury, and without action by the Court at any time before the sale is confirmed.

The defendants insisted that a bidder did not acquire title until the property was struck down to him; that there must be assent of both parties, to give him that right; that such a consent was not obtained in this case, and there was consequently no *contract*.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EDITORIAL.

It is very easy to dogmatize about social and political matters in the Southern States—to show how *this* ought to be arranged, *that* constructed, *this* removed, *that* improved—to show how the two entire races ought to adapt themselves to each other's condition and peculiarities—how the new relations toward each other in which both find themselves ought to be made to work in general principles and to be adjusted and the social status of both might be altered, and the polluted rights of the Slaveholder, the ignorance and degradation of the Freedman, be changed for the better. But it is quite another thing to be getting at the right of acquiring and possessing property, an equality in regard to labor and to the compensations and opportunities of life; and all both are not on what is specially termed *social* equality, it is because that is a matter which no legislation can reach, and no human power regulate.

We believe, however, that the problem is capable of solution. We believe, without distorting the Supreme Court's decision in the instant, strained as it is, to the utmost, that Congress can, and should be lodged somewhere, in some public body. We do not believe the saying of Jefferson, that "great cities are great sores." Even that by the high winds which prevail on the ocean plains, it would in many cases, pardon-ably if the soil is at all loose, produce young swarms with the order of the Court.

Rev. CHARLES C. PISE, the well-known pastor of the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, in Brooklyn, died yesterday. Dr. PISE was one of the most learned and gifted of the Roman Catholic clergy in this country, and was well known in literature as the author of "A History of the Church," and a number of poems of merit.

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NEW-YORK AND PARIS.—NAPOLEON exercises as great power, comparatively, in the republican form of the constitution of local affairs in Paris, as he exercises over Rynnes in the capacity of its Emperor, or over Europe as its practical Dictator. It is to the fact that by the peoples of Paris power that many of the great public works and splendid modern improvements of Paris are due. In its exercise we have not known, or even heard of, a case in which the experiment, writing to us on the subject, says he has not the slightest objection to the law as it now is, but simply that Congress set apart a small portion of the public lands for the use of those who are desirous of making voluntary settlements in Central Dakota, and to encourage by appropriations the construction of such roads as may be necessary to facilitate the transportation of their products to market. We believe that this would be a very popular measure, and that many of the poor who are now living in the cities would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to go upon the land. Let the Government only give them a start, and they will soon be able to support themselves.

Robert Tyrrel on the Fenians.—We have made copious references on to-day to the speech which Mr. ROBERT TYRRELL, aged 34, and a native of Ireland, was found murdered last night in the apartments occupied by W. MCCORMICK, at No. 166 East Fourth-street. The police are on the track of the supposed assassin, and they expect to arrest him very soon.

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THE WEATHER.—Notwithstanding the unfavorable character of the weather, the Fifth Avenue Hotel was crowded last night with guests, and the Hoffman House was also well filled. The Metropolitan, Everett, St. Nicholas, Clarendon, Astor House, Howard, Prescott, Union Square, Lafayette Place, Bond-street, Brevoort, Albemarle, Gilsey, Hoffman, Grand Central, Irving, Westminster, Sturtevant, Ashland, Stevens, Pacific, Girard, Merchants', Bleecker-street, Florence, Lovejoy's, Bowery, Atlantic, Pierrepont, Pavilion, Franklin, Tremont, Mansion, Bedford

TERRIBLE FIRE IN OIL CITY.

Seventy-five Stores, Hotels Scored, Pretty Well Burned, a Church and a Seminary Destroyed—Loss $1,000,000.

OIL CITY, Penn., Saturday, May 26.

The most destructive fire that ever took place in the oil regions occurred in Oil City to-day.

The people of the Committee was then adopted by a large majority.

The Committee on Constitution then reported the following:

Section 1. The legislative, executive, and judicial powers of the State shall be vested in a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The Senate shall consist of thirty-three members, who shall hold their offices for the term of four years, and the House of Representatives shall consist of one hundred members, who shall hold their offices for the term of two years.

Section 3. The State shall be divided into districts for the election of Senators and Representatives, as follows:

The Senatorial districts shall be composed as follows:

The first district shall consist of the city of Philadelphia.

The second district shall consist of the county of Philadelphia.

The third district shall consist of the county of Delaware.

The fourth district shall consist of the county of Chester.

The fifth district shall consist of the county of Montgomery.

The sixth district shall consist of the county of Bucks.

The seventh district shall consist of the county of Lehigh and Northampton.

The eighth district shall consist of the county of Berks.

The ninth district shall consist of the county of Schuylkill.

The tenth district shall consist of the county of Lebanon and Dauphin.

The eleventh district shall consist of the county of Lancaster.

The twelfth district shall consist of the county of York.

The thirteenth district shall consist of the county of Adams, Franklin and Cumberland.

The fourteenth district shall consist of the county of Perry, Juniata, Mifflin and Huntingdon.

The fifteenth district shall consist of the county of Bedford, Fulton and Somerset.

The sixteenth district shall consist of the county of Blair, Cambria and Clearfield.

The seventeenth district shall consist of the county of Centre, Clinton, Potter and McKean.

The eighteenth district shall consist of the county of Tioga, Lycoming, Sullivan and Columbia.

The nineteenth district shall consist of the county of Northumberland, Union, Snyder and Montour.

The twentieth district shall consist of the county of Luzerne.

The twenty-first district shall consist of the county of Susquehanna, Wyoming and Sullivan.

The twenty-second district shall consist of the county of Pike, Monroe, Wayne and Lackawanna.

The twenty-third district shall consist of the county of Carbon, Schuylkill and Lehigh.

The twenty-fourth district shall consist of the county of Lawrence, Beaver and Butler.

The twenty-fifth district shall consist of the county of Mercer, Venango and Crawford.

The twenty-sixth district shall consist of the county of Erie, Warren and Forest.

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The twenty-eighth district shall consist of the county of Washington and Greene.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.

To Col. John C. Cox, Quincy, Ill.:

DEAR SIR: I regret to see fierce denunciation of President JOHNSON by a portion of the Republican press of Illinois. The motives which prompt this, I do not propose to inquire into; but the fact is well calculated to excite our wonder. From the beginning of our unhappy war Mr. JOHNSON has been one of the truest, manliest and bravest of the friends of the Government—one of the ablest defenders of the Union. He has done more, periled more, and suffered more for the country than any of his revilers—even than many of them scoundrels. He sacrificed wealth, fortune, time and health, and put his life at stake in defense of the Constitution and preserve the Union, whilst those who now flippantly denounce him as a traitor, were, most of them, remote from the theatre of war, in the bosom of peaceful communities, secure from danger, and in the full enjoyment of the ease, comfort and prosperity of domestic life, and for which they were, in part, indebted to his heroic efforts in the common cause of the country. *Whatever may be thought of his present policy, the memory of the past would have protected him from the coarse abuse which has been lavished upon him, and the insinuations of treason which hauled partisans have not blushed to make.* No candid person who knows the President will doubt or question his patriotism, the perfect integrity of his purposes, or the earnestness and sincerity of his intentions to adopt and pursue such measures as will redound to the highest good of the entire country. Not his policy finds its strongest support in its inherent wisdom and justice, and its conformity to the Constitution and to the principles which lay at the foundation of our entire structure of government. He adheres now to the doctrines which he and the entire Republican Party recognized and acted upon through the entire progress of the war, and it is only necessary that the people shall be fully informed what his policy is to insure to it their hearty approval and support. What then, is his policy, about which so much is said, and upon which so much passion is expended? I give you a synopsis of what I understand it to be, as gathered from his public declarations:

1. He maintains that *no one or more States, less than the whole, can rightfully dissolve the Union, and, therefore the ordinance of secession which assumed to accomplish that result by carrying a portion of the States out of the Union, and absolving their people from their obligations to the Constitution and laws of the Union, were absolutely null and void, and that, notwithstanding the ordinance, the States which adopted them, remained in the Union, and the people as subject to the authority of the General Government, in all things, as they were before. This was the very issue between loyalty and rebellion.* This was the issue upon which we fought and triumphed—this the vexed question of three-quarters of a century, which was definitely settled by that triumph. Through all the war, every department of the Government at Washington acknowledged the same and the same constitutional doctrine. *President LINCOLN, in all his messages, proclamations, and other State papers, whenever he had occasion to allude to the rebel States, spoke of them and treated them as States in the Union.* Congress, in all its legislation, recognized them as such—included them in the apportionment of Representatives under the census of 1860—distributed them by law, into judicial circuits, putting some of the States which had attempted to secede with loyal States, in the same circuit, and appointed only the circuit judges among them as States. Their votes were counted as States upon the Constitutional Amendment, and were recognized and required as necessary to its adoption. The supreme Court, at all times, has held one or more of the States in relation to, and, from time to time, as we advanced into the territory, and overthrew the usurping Government, the President appointed Federal Judges to administer the laws of the Union in such States. None of these things could have been done if the States were out of the Union. Indeed, the war itself was for the denial on no other ground than the integrity of the Union and the nullity of the ordinances of secession. *If the ordinances were null and void, as all loyal people maintained, then the States never went out of the Union, but were in a disastrous policy, and between the two the people must choose.* Let us hope that the choice will be wisely made. This is not a time for passion. The country is in peril—more, I believe, than at any time during the war. The purest patriotism and the best statesmanship are required to secure the fruits of the sacrifices we have made and the victories we have won, and angry discussion and denunciation are not very favorable to the development of either. *The restoration of the States is not accomplished*, but the country is not secure, and, unfortunately, there is in the present temper of the public mind, it is not certain that it will be. *All may yet be lost, and if lost will never be regained.*

It is certain that all will be lost unless the States are restored to their constitutional relations to the General Government, and every day's delay increases the difficulty of restoration and the dangers of our situation. Will a more favorable or auspicious time ever come? I think not. The people who were in rebellion have ceased their resistance to the Government; acknowledged its authority; avowed their wish to remain under its protection; and are living in obedience to its laws. What more can they do? The rest is with us. *We fought them four years in the field to make them say to the Union, and now they have yielded to the demand, and avow a willingness and wish to do all that are required, we ought not to fight them in Congress to refuse them to go out.*

One of the greatest perils which threatens us now is the tendency to centralization, the absorption of the rights of the States, and the concentration of all power in the General Government. When that shall be accomplished, if ever, the days of the Republic are numbered. Constitutional government will be superseded by a centralized despotism, to be succeeded, in time, by revolution, disintegration, and anarchy. Within their constitutional spheres, the States are as sovereign and supreme as the General Government in its sphere, and safety is only to be found by confining each strictly to its own orbit. The danger is in the encroachments of the General Government upon the powers of the States, and the tendencies now are all in that direction. The protection of life, liberty and property is the domain of the Federal Government, and it is vital to the preservation of our admirable form of government that the States shall be fully protected in the possession and exercise of their constitutional rights, functions, and powers. *If the Federal Government usurps them, the Constitution, which the fathers of the Republic framed with so much skill and wisdom, fails for the purposes of its creation, and will no longer protect the rights it was intended to secure.*

The bills familiarly known as the Freedmen's Bureau Bill and the Civil Rights Bill, both of which were vetoed by the President, went far in this direction. Had they both become laws, and both been executed, the powers of the State Governments would have been substantially overthrown wherever they operated. The State tribunals would have been, to a very great extent, superseded by those of Federal appointment, and they of the very worst type—Federal military. They would soon have found pretexts and means to intermeddle and control most subjects of mere local and domestic concern. Had the President failed to assert his veto power, he would have but poorly discharged his obligations to the Constitution. *It is my judgment, he difficult to frame bills more in conflict with the letter and spirit of the Constitution.* When the passion and excitement of the hour shall have passed away, it will be matter of astonishment that good and sane men were found to advocate them.

I cannot now go into detail of those bills. The veto messages state the objections to them with great force and clearness. Both bills make, to some extent, a privileged class of the negroes. Both enter the States—displacing State laws and State tribunals—and control and regulate affairs of a purely local and domestic character. Now, I am unable to find in the Constitution any authority for such legislation. Congress possesses no power except what is expressly conferred by the grants of the Constitution. The power to legislate in respect to the internal and domestic affairs in the States is not one of them. This was withheld for the wisest of reasons. The possession and exercise of such a power by the General Government could not fail to result in frequent and dangerous collisions between State and Federal authorities, and thus tend to disturb and finally destroy or rupt the ties which bind them together. *I am not aware that any such power was claimed or asserted for which the Alien and Sedition laws of 1798 were enacted in the case of the former, and the proclamation in the case of the latter, were issued.*

The very first section of the first article of the Constitution provides that "all legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of Senate and a House of Representatives," and no other legislative powers are vested in Congress, except such as are therein granted. The eighth section of the same article enumerates the granted powers, all of which relate to purely national affairs—to subjects in which all the States, and all the people of all the States, have a common interest. None of them can be tortured into an authority to Congress to interfere with the internal and domestic affairs of the States, or to take charge of the private rights of any portion of the people of a State. All such matters are reserved to the States and the people thereof.

The tenth amendment to the Constitution provides that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." But I believe the principal objection to laws in question, is claimed under the second clause of the recent amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery. It is easy to demonstrate that the power cannot be drawn from that source. The second clause of that amendment gives Congress no power which it did not possess without it. It only authorizes Congress to pass such laws as may be necessary to execute the first clause, and that power was just as ample without the second clause as with it. That power derived from the first clause, was fully as broad under the late clause of the eighth section of the first article of the Constitution; and I concede to Congress the right to pass all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the amendment abolishing slavery. But does this concession carry with it any authority to pass these bills? Clearly not. This is readily shown by inquiring what class of persons was embraced in and acted upon by the amendment. They were such persons as were held in bondage at the date of its adoption, and such only.

Those constituted only a part of the colored people of the United States—the largest part, it is true—but still only a part. There were, in addition, all who were free at the beginning of the war, and all who had been made free during the progress of the war from the beginning down to the adoption of the amendment. Those who were free when the war began, and those who were made free before the amendment of the Constitution, constitute a very large class, none of whom were embraced in, and acted upon, or in any manner affected by the amendment; yet they are all embraced in the bills, and legislated for by authority of those bills, and declared to be "citizens" of the State in which they reside. The power to do this is not claimed to be derived from the amendment. If not, it must be derived from a constitutional provision which has no reference to them, or influence or operation upon them.

If the power of legislation can be derived from the Constitutional Amendment at all, *such legislation must clearly be limited to the class of persons embraced in the amendment, and cannot be extended to others quite outside of its provisions, and not at all affected by it.*

Again: What was the amendment? What did it propose to do? What did it actually do? It found a large number of colored persons of African descent held in bondage as slaves, and it emancipated them from that bondage and gave them personal freedom. This was all; it did nothing more—it claimed to do nothing more. Now, the full extent of the legislation power of Congress, under this amendment, is to pass such laws as may be necessary, if any, to secure to the persons emancipated by the amendment their personal liberty.

The only right conferred by the amendment is the right of personal liberty; but the Civil Rights Bill goes much further, and under color of authority derived from an amendment which is restricted to personal liberty, confers other rights, beyond the scope of the amendment, not necessary incidents of personal liberty, and not necessary to its enjoyment. White persons under the age of twenty-one years, and married women, are free white citizens in the enjoyment of personal liberty, but not in possession of all the rights and franchises colored people by the bill. The rights thus conferred are not necessary to the enjoyment of the rights given by the Constitutional amendment, and Congress could not, therefore, derive from the same amendment any power to pass the bill.

But further, *neither of these bills was necessary to secure the colored people in the enjoyment of the right of personal liberty given by the amendment*, for that was fully secured by the amendment itself.

Their means of protecting that were ample and sufficient without further legislation. When a right is conferred, all the incidents necessary to its enjoyment are conferred with it, and colored persons have the same remedies for an invasion of their personal liberty that white persons have. If a white man be restrained of his personal liberty, he resorts to the courts for redress. The colored man can do the same thing. It is a right which I believe has always existed. I know of no instance in which a colored man, claiming to be free, has been denied the privilege of asserting his freedom in the courts of the State where he resided.

Such suits have by no means been unfrequent in the slave States.

But if the State Courts should be closed to the colored people, the Federal Courts are open to them. They are entitled to their personal freedom by a Constitutional provision, and the Constitution gives the Federal Courts jurisdiction of all cases arising under it, or the laws of the United States, and if a case should arise in a State Court, involving the personal liberty of a colored person, and the decision should be adverse to him, he could, under the Judiciary Act of 1789, have the judgment reviewed by the Supreme Court of the United States. There is, therefore, no necessity for further legislation by Congress to secure to the colored people the personal liberty to which the Constitutional Amendment entitled them, for that is already amply secured, and that is the only subject on which Congress can legislate by virtue of that amendment.

But we ought not to assume that the States will attempt to deprive the colored people of any of their legal rights. They have not yet done so. Give them time to act, and see what that action will be. We will then be better prepared to determine what is proper for us to do.

One great industrial and social system cannot be disrupted and overthrown, and another substituted for it in a day. Time and patience are necessary to accomplish the work. The South is the congenial climate of the colored people. They need employment, and the planters need labor. Their interests are interwoven. They will both soon understand this, and be brought together upon terms that are fair and just. If the Africans are harshly dealt with in one place, they have the right and power of removal to another. The States that treat them most justly and generously will be the most abundantly supplied with labor, and they will soon come to understand this. Self-interest, if left alone, will secure fair and just treatment. If the General Government will take its hands off and let the thing alone, it will soon adjust itself upon a better and more satisfactory basis for all parties than it can ever be forced to by Federal interference. As to the right of suffrage, that is a matter with which Congress cannot intermeddle. It is a matter peculiarly of State cognizance, and for State regulation.

If Ohio and Kentucky choose to confer the right upon all the negroes within their borders, it is no concern of mine. I have no right to object or to question the wisdom of their action. But Congress has no right to force it upon any of the States; and to do so would be a long stride toward centralization.

Furthermore, it would be doing to other States what we would not submit to ourselves. I think I do not transcend jurisdiction in saying that if all the colored people of any one of the Southern States were taken in a mass just as they are, and set down in any one of the Northern States, as a part of their permanent population, and it was then proposed to the people of that State to confer upon them the right of suffrage, *they would not do it. Why, then, should we compel the Southern States to do what we would not do ourselves?*

Again: If Congress can regulate the right of suffrage in a Southern State, it can do the same thing in Illinois; and if it can bestow the elective franchise, why may it not open to negroes all the offices, and make them eligible as Governors, legislators, judges, &c. The power to do the one includes the power to do the other.

That a State may do all these things is not questioned; but for the General Government to compel a State to do it, is not warranted by the Constitution; it is subversive of the principles upon which our Government rests; is in every way of dangerous tendency, and ought not to be tolerated.

I regard the speedy restoration of the Southern States to their constitutional relations to the Federal Government as vital to our salvation. It is necessary to save us from perpetual disaster, and to rescue us from political destruction.

We are in no condition to maintain a large standing army to govern the Southern States as conquered provinces, which will have to be done, if they are forced out of the Union.

It is necessary to enable us to maintain our credit and meet our pecuniary obligations, which we must meet fully, fairly, honestly, or be degraded.

Let the States be restored, and industry, business and commerce revived, and the legitimate revenues to be derived from them will be a hundred fold more in value than all the confiscations which have been or will ever be made.

In addition to this, collision with a powerful foreign nation is always a possible thing. Should it come now, it would find us, as a dissatisfied and disharmonious people, in a poor condition to meet it.

Difficulties and dangers environ us on every hand, and *I am sure that the President's policy opens the best and safest way out of them.* What reason is there for postponing the day of unity and fraternity? They will give us strength to stand against the world, and lig[illegible] to guide us in the onward career of greatness and glory.

Without them, we will surely go down in the darkness of despotism, or the shame and confusion of anarchy.

I have only glanced at the salient points of the great questions which are upon us. I have no time to discuss them, and beg you to pardon any want of compactness and continuity in the suggestions I have made.

Truly your friend,

O. H. BROWNING.

Secretary Seward.

The Buffalo *Commercial* quotes a bitter attack upon Secretary SEWARD from the Chicago *Tribune*, and says:

"We do not feel any special call to come to the defence of the Secretary of State, against such ridiculous assaults as the above, for we feel that with the great masses of the loyal people of the North he needs no defence whatever. His official acts and his personal sacrifices in their behalf are his best defence, and have secured for him a place among the foremost of the tried and true. Although our terrible struggle for the Union, Mr. SEWARD's conduct of our foreign relations was so admirable, astute and efficient that our foreign enemies were baffled and foreign intervention thwarted. No one man, or no one army, did more to save the Union than he. He was constant, in season and out of season, in stalwart, effective and successful labor to avert the foreign complications which continually threatened us, and whom were the hope and reliance of Southern rebels. The leaders of the rebellion concede to-day that the most vigorous opposition which they encountered, and that which most effectively prevented their success, emanated from the office of the Secretary of State. It was the consciousness of that fact that turned upon him the assassin's dagger, and made his 'taking off' no [illegible]

The assaults of the *Tribune*, would, in view of these facts, be ridiculous, if not vile, but coming from such a source it will not, that for partisan ends, [illegible] all influence upon the public mind, and come to be looked upon as the ravings of a chronic scold. Disgusted by the despicable impudence of [illegible] defamed by prejudice, which conceives disagreement with it to be crime, our Chicago contemporary strengthens the cause which it opposes, and [illegible] the reputation which it professes to defend. President JOHNSON and Secretary SEWARD are both stronger to-day for its foul-mouthed abuse, and it is in their behalf that we have called attention to the calumnies which the *Tribune* has uttered, and give them the added publicity of our columns."

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—MAY 26, 1866.

$2,000 U. S. 6s of '81	108	800 N. Y. Central	94¾
1,500 U. S. 6s 5-20s C. '65	104⅜	100 do	94¾
5,000 U. S. 6s 5-20s C. '65	104⅜	100 do	94¾
30,000 do do do	104⅜	100 do	94¾
5,000 U. S. 6s 5-20s C. '65	103⅝	100 do 3d call	94¾
5,000 U. S. 6s 5-20s C. '67	103⅝	100 do 30	94¾
30,000 Pts. No. 2-7 3-10s	102⅝	100 do	94¾
5,000 do do	102⅝	200 do	94¾
5,000 do Third Ser	102⅝	400 Erie R	67¾
10,000 do do 2d call	102⅝	400 do	67¾
1,000 N. Y. 6s, '81	98	200 do	67¾
10,000 N. Y. 6s, Bounty Loan	103⅝	200 do	67¾
4,000 do	103	200 do	67¾
5,000 Penn. 6s	103	100 do	67¾
1,000 Missouri 6s	90¼	100 do	67¾
1,000 Louisiana 6s	68	200 do	67¾
1,000 Virginia 6s	67½	400 do	67¾
1,000 N. Car. 6s	60	200 do	67¾
62,000 Pts. No. 2-7 3-10s	102⅝	100 Erie R. P.	77
3,000 Erie 6s M.	97	10 N. Y. & N. H.	198
1,000 Hud. Riv. 1st M.	102¾	100 do	198
1,000 Mich. S. & N. Ind. Loan	108	1000 do	110¼
1,000 Al. & T. H. 2d Y.	80	200 do	110¼
5,000 Ill. Cen. Bs	100	100 do	110¼
5,000 Chic. & R. I. Bs	100	700 do	110¼
10,000 Cl. & Tol. S. F. B.	100	200 do	110¼
10,000 P., Ft. W. & Chi. 1st	101¾	400 do	110¼
3,000 Chi. & Mil. 2d	95	200 Mich. Cen. Bs	97
1,000 Cin., R. & D. 3d M.	97	800 Mich. S. & N. I.	79¾
25,000 Amer. Gold	139½	100 do	79¾
109 Metropol. Bank	122½	1300 do	79¾
22 Bk. of Commerce	116½	200 do	79¾
10 do	116	100 Ill. Central R.	119
42 Continental Bank	99	50 Clove. & Pitts	87¾
22 Fourth Nat. Bank	103¾	200 do	87¾
200 Canton Co	58	200 do	87¾
100 do	58¼	200 do	87¾
8 Del. & Hud. Canal	149	400 do	87¾
300 Union Nav. Co	143¾	200 do	87¾
150 Spruce R. U	4	400 Chi. & N. W.	98
200 do	4¾	200 Chi. & N. W. P.	98
140 Penn. Coal Co	141	200 do	98
153 West. U. Tel	63	20 Cleve., Col. & Cin. R.	115
100 do	63¾	100 Cleve. & Tol	93
600 Quicksilver	25¼	100 do	93
500 Mariposa Pref	25¾	10 Mil. & P. D. C. 1st Pr.	99
300 do 2d call	24	100 P., F. W. & C.	95
100 Cary Improve't	14¾	400 do	95¾
100 do	14¾	200 do	95¾
100 At. Mail S. Co	126	200 Chic. & Alt.	95¾
300 Boston W. P.	46¾	100 do	95¾
500 do b30	46¾	200 Chi. & Alt. Pr.	102
1000 Hud. R. R.	113¾	100 Mar. & C. 1st Pr.	89
100 do c	112¾	200 Tol., Wab. & W.	54

1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

$10,000 U. S. 5-20s C. '62	104⅛	100 N. Y. Cen.	95¾
2,000 U. S. 6-20s C. '64	103⅝	100 do	95¾
5,000 Pts. No. 2-7 3-10s Third Ser.	102⅝	300 Hud. Riv. R.	113¾
5,000 Missouri 6s	76	100 do	113¾
100,000 Ohio & M. Con.	103¾	200 Reading R.	110¾
50,000 do b10	103¾	100 do	110¾
50,000 do	103¾	100 Mich. S. & N. I.	79¾
10,000 do	103	100 do	79¾
100 Quick. Min. Co	25	100 Chic. & N. W. P.	98
100 Boston Water P.	46¾	500 do	98¼
800 Erie R.	67¾	200 do	98¼
1000 do	67¾	200 Chi. & R. I.	97¾
100 do	67¾	200 do	97¾
40 do b30	67¾	100 do	97¾
100 do b10	67¾	100 P., Ft. W. & C.	95¾
100 IC. Cen. R. b10	110	100 P., Ft. W. & C.	95¾

OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

200 Cum. Coal	45	100 Hud. R. R.	113
300 do	45	100 do	113
100 Quicksilver	25¾	500 M. S. & N. I.	79¾
100 do	25¾	100 do	79¾
100 West. U. Tel	63¾	100 do	79¾
100 do	63¾	100 do b10	79¾
100 do	63¾	200 do	79¾
100 do	63¾	200 do	79¾
100 do b10	63¾	100 Clev. & Pitts	87¾
100 do	63¾	100 do	87¾
100 Boston W. P.	46¾	100 do	87¾
800 New-York Cen.	94¾	1800 do	87¾
500 do s	94¾	2200 do	87¾
100 do	94¾	2000 do	87¾
200 do	94¾	200 do	87¾
900 do b30	94¾	300 Chic. & N. W.	98
300 Erie R.	67¾	200 do	98
200 do	67¾	200 do	98
2100 do	67¾	200 do	98
400 do b10	67¾	200 Chic. & N. W. P.	98¼
400 do	67¾	400 do	98¼
200 Reading R.	110¾	200 do	98¼
2800 do	110¾	200 P., Ft. W. & C.	95¾
400 do	110¾	100 do b10	95¾
1200 do s3	110¾		

OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000 C. & M. Cer.	25¾	1820 Erie Railroad	67¾
100 Canton Co	58	200 do b10	67¾
300 do c	58¼	200 do	67¾
200 do	58¾	200 do	67¾
200 do s3	58	200 do b10	67¾
300 Boston W. P.	46¾	200 Hudson R. R.	113
100 do s3	46¾	900 Reading R.	110¾
100 Cum. Coal	45	1200 do	110¾
200 do s30	45	1200 do	110¾
100 do s3	45¾	200 do b30	110¾
600 Quick. Min. Co	24	1200 M. S. & N. I.	79¾
600 Mar. Mining Co	11¾	500 do	79¾
200 do s3	11¾	500 do	79¾
100 Mariposa Pr	24	200 do	79¾
200 do	24	200 do	79¾
100 West. U. Tele'ph	63¾	100 do b10	79¾
200 do c	62	800 Clove. & Pitts	87¾
200 do	62	200 do	87¾
200 do	62	200 do b10	87¾
100 N. Y. Central	95¾	200 do	87¾
1600 do	95¾	100 C. & R. I. 2-d	97
200 do c	95¾	200 do	97¾
200 do	95¾	600 Chi. & N. W.	98
800 do	95¾	200 do	98
200 do	95¾	200 P., Ft. W. & Chi.	97
1700 do	95¾	200 do	97¾
500 Chi. & N. W.	98	200 do	97¾
200 do s3	98	200 do	97¾
200 do	98	200 do b10	97¾

SATURDAY, May 26—P. M.

The price of Gold receded 2 per cent. today on the later foreign news, which was construed as improving the financial condition in England. The London papers report a very close day on Monday, May 14, succeeding the panic of Friday, the 11th, and 12 ₱ cent. ₱ annum was paid for cash to carry over Consols. Nearly all the other Securities were depressed, the day being the half monthly settlement. But by Wednesday, 16th, the whole market improved, and no further considerable failures having occurred, and the panic abating, 1@2 ₱ cent. recovery was noticed on the Stock Exchange. The sales of Gold here to-day opened at 140¼ and fell off to 138⅜ ₱ cent. Money was 7 ₱ cent. in the forenoon and declined to 6 ₱ cent. to the Brokers before 2 o'clock, and this promises to be the rule for next week. The Treasury at Washington has directed the Assistant Treasurer in New-York to cash all certificates of indebtedness due in June, July and August, so as to save the holders the trouble of sending them to the Department, as at first advertised. *The interest on all these certificates will cease on Thursday next, May 31*; so they had as well be presented at once. In addition to certificates of indebtedness, the New-York office has this week paid off, without notice, $6,800,000 currency deposits bearing 5 ₱ cent. interest, and $700,000 compound notes bearing 6 ₱ cent. interest. The Government would be glad to take in a further considerable sum of compound notes at par and the full accrued interest, if presented next week.

The Customs Duties received by the Treasury in Gold this week amount to $2,849,454. The Gold Interest paid out, $940,100.

The Stock Exchange improved on United States 5-20s to 102@102¼ ₱ cent., and on 7.30s to 101¾@102 ₱ cent. There was a large demand for the old 5-20s of 1862 at 101¾@101¾@102 ₱ cent. through the day. The Railway speculation was again quite buoyant. The additional advance in New-York Central was to 96, and Reading to 110¼, while on the Western list, Pittsburgh suddenly jumped up to 91¼ cent. The feeling was generally firm at 3:30 P. M. when the Exchange Room closed, the only exception being Erie, which the speculators were still disposed to sell. The following quotations were made, as compared with Friday night:

	Fri.	Sat.		Fri.	Sat.
U. S. 10-40s	94¾	95	Northwest	27¾	28¾
U. S. 5-20s	103⅝	103⅞	do Pref	57¾	58¾
U. S. 7.30s	101⅝	101¾	Rock Island	92¾	93¼
N. Y. Central	95¾	96¼	Fort Wayne	97¾	97¾
Erie	67¾	67¾	Cumb'land Coal	45¾	46¾
Hudson	112	113	Quicksilver	25	25¾
Reading	110¾	110¾	Mariposa	11¾	11¾
Mich. Southern	79¾	79¾	Mariposa Pref	24	24¾
Illinois Central	118	118	Canton	58¾	58¾
Pittsburgh	89¾	91	Ohio Certificates	25	25¾
Tennessee 6s	68¾	68¾	Sterling Gold	140¼	138⅜
Missouri 6s	75	75¼	Bills on London	109¾	109¾

The Merchants' National Bank has made a half-yearly dividend of 5 ₱ cent. The following bids were made for the Bank City Shares:

Merchants'	113	Bank of the Republic	111
Mechanics'	115	Bank of N. America	105
Union	115	Metropolitan	121¾
America	120	Continental	98
City	200	St. Nicholas	100
National	107	Commonwealth	100
Seventh Ward	106¾	New-York County	145
State of New York	108	Importers' & Traders'	115
Commerce	110	Park	146
Mechanics' Bkg. Ass.	106	Central National	107
Ocean	95	Fourth National	103¾
American Exchange	119¾	Ninth National	103¾
Pacific	100		

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, [illegible]	91	Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	94
N. Y. Cen. 6s, [illegible]	91	Chi. & N. W. 2d M.	90¾
N. Y. Cen. 6s, [illegible]	91	Chi. & N. W. Sinking Fund	85
N. Y. Cen. 7s, Conv.	91¾	Chi. & N. W. P. 1st M.	98
N. Y. Cen. 7s	101	Chi. & N. W. P. 2d M.	90
Erie 1st mort.	97¾	Chic. & R. I. 1st M.	97
Erie 2d mort.	87¾	Chic. & R. I. 2d M.	87
Erie 3d mort.	79¾	Chic. & Alt. 1st M.	95
Hud. R. 1st mort.	102	Chic. & Alt. 2d M.	85
Hud. R. 2d mort.	96	Chic. & Alt. Sinking	85
Hud. R. 3d mort.	95	Chic. & Alt. Income	85
Hud. R. 4th mort.	95	Chic. & Mil. 1st M.	103¾
Chi. R. & Q. 8s 1st M.	110	Chic. & Mil. 2d M.	95
Mich. So. 7s c. st. M.	91	Chic. & Mil. Sinking	85
Mich. So. 7s g. st. M.	91	Chic. & Mil. Income	85
R. R. Bonds	85	Mil. & St. Paul 1st M.	90
Mich. S. & N. I. 1st M.	90	Mil. & St. Paul 2d M.	85
Mich. S. & N. I. 2d M.	85	Mil. & St. Paul Sinking	85
Mich. S. & N. I. Sinking	85	Mil. & St. Paul Income	85
Clev. & Pitts. 1st M.	95	Marietta & Cin. 1st M.	75
Clev. & Pitts. 2d M.	85		

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer was as follows:

Gold Coin	$970,000
Currency	$2,000,000
Total	$3,111,000

Gold weighed [illegible] Gold weighed [illegible] Gold weighed [illegible]

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U. S. ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATES,
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OFFICE OF PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, }
No. 29 Wall-st., corner of Hanover-st. }
NEW-YORK, May 19, 1866.

NOTICE TO SCRIP STOCKHOLDERS.—Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors, at their stated meeting held this date, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a call for fifty ($50) per cent. in cash, payable on the 1st day of June, 1866, be and the same is hereby made on the holders of the scrip stock of record on the books of the Company at the close of business of the 19th day of May, 1866, of 3 P. M., being fifty dollars ($50) on each share issued under the act of 1865 to increase the capital stock of the Company.

Resolved, That said payments may be made until and inclusive of the 1st day of August, with interest at 7 per cent. per annum from and after the said 1st day of June, in accordance with the provisions of the said act; and that the scrip, with the amount paid thereon, will be liable to forfeiture in default of payment on or before the said 1st day of August, 1866.

Certificates of stock will be ready for delivery on the payment and surrender of the certificates of scrip stock at the Company's office.

By order of the Board of Directors.
THEO. T. JOHNSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD CO., }
No. 270 West 30th-st., }
NEW-YORK, May 10, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of the Hudson River Railroad Company for the election of thirteen Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the Company, No. 30 East 30th-st., New-York city, on TUESDAY, June 11, 1866. Polls will be open from 10 A. M. until 2 P. M., as much longer, not beyond the setting of the sun on the same day as the Inspectors may find necessary to receive the votes of absent stockholders by proxy.

The transfer books will be closed from 4 o'clock P. M. on the 31st day of May, until 10 o'clock A. M. on the 12th day of June.

AUGUSTUS SCHELL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON }
CANAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, May 1, 1866. }

AT AN ELECTION FOR MANAGERS, held at this office on TUESDAY, 8th inst., pursuant to public notice, the following named gentlemen were duly elected Managers of this Company for the ensuing year, viz.:

William S. Herriman,	Robert L. Kennedy,
Charles F. Tolles,	James M. Halsted,
Henry J. Cowdrey,	Le Grand B. Cannon,
G. Talbot Olyphant,	John L. Aspinwall,
Samuel B. Schieffelin,	James R. Taylor,
Abiel A. Low,	Thomas Dickson.

G. DeF. MORGAN, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers, held THIS DAY, GEORGE TALBOT OLYPHANT, Esq., was unanimously elected President.

By order of the Board.
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

THE BANKING HOUSE OF DANIELS, CROZIER & COE will occupy the premises No. 24 Nassau-st., when completed, on or about the 1st day of June.
WILLIAM H. DANIELS,
Banker and merchant, Iowa City.
HIRAM P. CROZIER, President,
Huntington, L. I.
LUKE C. COE,
Formerly of Hyde, Coe & McCollum,
Merchants, New-York.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26, 1866.

DAUPHIN AND SUSQUEHANNA COAL COMPANY'S GENERAL MORTGAGE LOAN—PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY RAILROAD BONDS.—The Bonds of the Dauphin and Susquehanna Coal Company, now the Schuylkill and Susquehanna Railroad Company, dated the first day of April, A. D., 1861, and due on the first day of April, A. D., 1881, and due May 1, 1866, will be purchased at par on the day of their maturity by and at the office of The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, No. 227 South Fourth-st., in the City of Philadelphia.

For the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Co.
S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE holders of Certificates of Indebtedness issued under acts of Congress, approved March 1 and 17, 1862, that the interest due on Certificates with the coupons annexed and the tenor of said certificates, is prepared to respond before maturity all Certificates of Indebtedness falling due in June, July or August, 1866, with accrued interest thereon to the date of payment, on presentation to the Department with this notice, and said interest will cease from that date.

All such certificates will cease to bear interest, and will be paid on presentation to this Department with this notice, on and after June 1, 1866.

HUGH McCULLOCH, Secretary of the Treasury.

CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE AND ASHTABULA RAILROAD COMPANY, CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 17, 1866.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE AND ASHTABULA RAILROAD COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of June next, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them.

The transfer books will be closed from the 1st until the 14th day of June, 1866.

GEO. B. ELY, Secretary.

CHICAGO AND ROCK ISLAND RAILROAD COMPANY, }
NEW-YORK, May 10, 1866. }

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company for the election of thirteen Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company in the village of Chicago, State of Illinois, on FRIDAY, the 29th day of June next. The polls will be opened at 11 o'clock A. M., and closed at 12 o'clock M. The transfer books will be closed on the 8th day of May and opened on the 12th day of June next.

G. W. DURANT, President.
FRENCH H. TOWE, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, }
OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST., }
PHILADELPHIA, May 2, 1866. }

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE stockholders of this Company, that the option of receiving their dividends in stock or cash, under the resolutions of the Board of Directors, will be open from and after the 31st of May, 1866, and that such stockholders as do not demand their dividends to be paid to them in stock on or before the 30th day will be thereafter entitled to receive it in cash only.

S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO., }
NEW-YORK, May 1, 1866. }

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE shareholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company, for the election of Directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Chicago, on Wednesday, the 30th day of May, 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed at the close of business on the 19th instant, and re-opened on the 3d day of June next.

I. A. CATLIN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COAL COMPANY, }
OF PENNSYLVANIA). NEW-YORK, May 1, 1866. }

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held on the 20th day of July next, at 12 o'clock noon, at Room No. 71, Trinity Building, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York. The transfer books will be closed from and after the 1st of July, 1866, till after the election.

MONTGOMERY H. THROOP, Secretary.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION CO., }
OFFICE NO. 3 NASSAU-ST., CORNER WALL. }
NEW-YORK, May 7, 1866. }

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the New-Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, for the election of Directors and transaction of business, will be held at the railroad depot in Jersey City, WEDNESDAY, the 9th June next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

FRED. W. RANKIN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE HALCYON PETROLEUM CO., }
No. 14 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, May 17, 1866. }

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of seven Trustees, for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, on TUESDAY, May 29, instant, at 12 o'clock noon. The poll will remain open from 12 M. until 3 o'clock P. M., of that day.

E. L. MILLER, Secretary.

MILWAUKEE AND PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RAILWAY COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 45 EXCHANGE-PLACE, }
(ROOM NO. 24, THIRD FLOOR.) }
NEW-YORK, May 10, 1866. }

THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS Company will be closed from May 29, instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. until 10 o'clock A. M., June 15 next, for election of Directors at Stockholders' annual meeting at Milwaukee June 14.

G. P. TAINTOR, Transfer Agent.

AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the NEW-YORK MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, for the election of five Directors and three Inspectors of Election, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 16 Barclay-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, the 29th day of May inst

WASHINGTON NEWS.

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Commissioner of Internal Revenue, $5,000; Deputy Commissioner, $4,000; Chief Clerk, $2,500; two Deputy Commissioners, $3,000 each; Solicitor, $4,000; seven Heads of Divisions, $2,500. The salary of the Special Commissioner was changed from $4,000 to $5,000.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, by instruction of the Judiciary Committee, offered several amendments and additions to regulate legal proceedings under the act which were adopted.

Mr. STEVENS moved to amend the sixty-fifth section by striking out the words "the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to appoint an officer in his department, who shall be styled Commissioner, etc.," and inserting in lieu of them, "Congress, by a concurrent action, shall elect a Special Commissioner."

Mr. STEVENS said: I am done with giving patronage to the Secretary of the Treasury where it can be avoided. He has already said he will appoint no one to office who will not sustain the policy of the President. He this morning distinctly so informed a member of the House, who called upon him for an appointment. He asked him whether the person selected for the applicant were in favor of the President's policy, and when he declined to answer him he said, "I cannot appoint and will appoint no man who does not support the policy of the President." The Secretary then referred to an appointment in Senator from that region, and said, "I will consult him when I make that appointment, and I will appoint nobody not recommended by him." If in, therefore, for this House to let the people of the country know whether officers are to be sacrificed to this determination of the subordinates of the President. If we do not stand by them they will not stand by us, and they ought not. It is time that we built up a wall around such tyranny as this. It is subsistence in office. I have already ascertained that four of the subordinates of the President have made the same declaration. If I were a little younger, and I shall be in a week, I think I would let those officers know that this is a grand request of the nation, before which men who are guilty in office shall be brought, and their cases presented to another tribunal to try them. (Excitement—a voice: "Good.") Sir, we are recreant to our own interests—we are recreant to our own dignity, we are recreant to the interests of the country, if we do not stand by those who stand up in defense. We must take care that these patronage shall be put out of the hands of any man to be abused, avowedly abused. It is time that we spoke aloud, and let our friends abroad know that they are in no danger, that they shall not be sacrificed because they stand by Congress—because they are not the tools of a recreant President. (Great excitement.) I have watched the formation of this bill very day this course has been taken by the Secretary of the Treasury, and he has declared distinctly that in that State (Pennsylvania) he will consult nobody but a recreant apostate Senator who has betrayed his party and his country. (Excitement.)

Mr. STEVENS was understood as referring to Senator COWAN, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPALDING inquired whether the gentleman was going to urge his amendment seriously.

Mr. STEVENS declared that he was.

Mr. SPALDING replied that he would seriously oppose it.

Mr. MORRILL suggested that the gentleman from Pennsylvania had accomplished his purpose in making his speech. There was not the slightest apprehension that any person would be appointed to the office of Special Commissioner except the distinguished gentleman who had hitherto been employed in the service. He (Mr. MORRILL) had always been in favor of keeping these tariff and revenue questions apart, and disliked from his heart he did not approve of the action of the Secretary of the Treasury, nor of his recent speech. Hesitated his Indiana friends as able one; but he did not so regard his recent speech, but rather looked upon it as an unfortunate speech. But, at the same time, he did not propose to change the ordinary course of legislation. He trusted that the amendment would not be adopted.

Mr. BLAIR called the attention of the Committee to the constitutional objections to the proposed amendment, though he did not know that they would have any weight with the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania. The only powers that the Constitution recognized as capable of having the power or appointment were the President and Heads of Departments alone and the Courts of law, or the head of Department.

Mr. STEVENS argued that the position of Special Commissioner was not an office in that sense. Congress could depute a Committee of its own body, or any person selected by it, to perform the duties imposed upon the Special Commissioner. He repeated that the Secretary of the Treasury had assumed to regulate his patronage by politics, and not by what was connected with the interests of finance—that he was prostituting his office to unholy purposes, and that it was time to put a stop to that state of things.

Mr. DELANO exposed the weakness of the position in reference to the Special Commissioner not being an officer, by quoting the language of the section itself, and asked, "What had the Secretary of the Treasury done to deserve such a reproach, or to provoke such an attack? Was the Secretary a slave, and not entitled to entertain his own opinion? Was he to be denounced by the gentleman from Pennsylvania because he now entertained opinions different from his in regard to reconstruction?"

Mr. STEVENS—I do not denounce him for entertaining any such opinions. I denounce him for prostituting the patronage of the Government to make all other opinions to bend to his.

Mr. DELANO asked Mr. STEVENS for the authority on which he made the statement, and intimated that the Secretary had made no such declaration.

Mr. STEVENS repeated substantially his statement, but declined to give the name of his informant—first, because he had not the authority to do so, and, secondly, because it might bring upon him the fire of the Secretary.

Mr. BLAINE moved to amend the section by giving the power to the President to appoint the officer in question, by and with the consent of the Senate.

The House closed debate upon the section and amendment, when Mr. BLAINE withdrew his amendment, and Mr. STEVENS, ascertaining that there was no quorum present, and that there was a majority against him, also withdrew his amendment.

Several other amendments were offered in the same connection, and were withdrawn under the same circumstances, and with the understanding that they might be offered in the House on Monday.

Notwithstanding all these compromises, however, the Committee rose without reporting back the bill.

After placing the Special Commissioner's salary back at the original figure of $4,000, at five o'clock the House adjourned.

AFFAIRS IN CHICAGO.

Elopings of the Homeopathic Society—Religious Revival—General News.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

CHICAGO, Monday, May 21, 1866.

Our local news is not very important to people not immediately interested. The State Homeopathic Society has been in session here during the past week. Matters of general interest were discussed, confined principally to modes of practice. The cholera very naturally received a large share of attention. Homeopathy is very popular with us in Chicago. There is a large number of physicians of that school here, and they have an extensive practice. And what may be regarded as something different from the fate of the newer systems generally, it is among the educated and intelligent that it finds greatest favor. The Hahnemann College here has an able faculty, and is and has been highly successful.

There is nothing of any special interest in the political line. We can report that it is "all quiet" in the West. Neither the President's policy nor that of Congress produces any great excitement—scarcely a ruffle in the public mind.

The religious interest in various parts of the State is, however, quite absorbing. In and around Peoria and Springfield, the awakening is, perhaps, without parallel. At both places the revival succeeded the coming of Rev. H. P. Harmon, and continued to wax and deepen, until whole communities were affected—whole neighborhoods are converted. From the cities it extended into the country, and week days and Sundays the general business seemed to be attending religious meetings. The churches were crowded, the school-houses were put in requisition, and in Springfield no great was the rush that the Capitol buildings were first occupied as more capacious than any hall or church—and then a resort to the open grounds became necessary. Nothing like it was ever known in these parts before. All classes were affected. You may remember a lawyer of Peoria named O'Harnes, a man of decided ability, who made himself conspicuous and notorious by his extreme Copperheadism at the National Convention held in this city, and during the campaign which followed. He is among the converts, and has left his office, and, in company with Judge ——, has turned evangelist, going about from place to place, exhorting with great effect. The awakening is indeed wonderful.

The article which appeared in one of the New-York papers purporting to give the number of gold watches returned to the United States Assessor, and which put down only four to Illinois, was republished here, and caused much inquiry. The Assessor for this district published a card, in which he states that 4,737 were returned to his office alone. How such a table was got up is a mystery.

Chicago is getting to be quite metropolitan in its ideas of ministers' salaries, as well as in many other things. Recently, the salary of Dr. EVERETT, of the First Baptist Church, has been raised to $6,000, that of Dr. CUMMINGS, of Trinity, (Episcopal,) to $6,000, with a gift of $2,500 to enable him to visit Europe, and to-day Dr. ——, one of the leading Congregational churches, who are not necessarily, nor in fact, our best preachers.

The Congregational Theological Seminary of this city has just published its annual statement. A substantial brick building has been erected during the year, 50 by 65 feet, at a cost of $12,000. The assets of the institution are $175,000. The number of the Alumni is 47. Library, 2,700 volumes. A much larger number of students than usual have applied for the coming year.

The great telescope at the Chicago University is mounted and nearly ready for use. It requires time, however, to adjust all its parts, so that everything is perfectly in its place.

Our courts are still doing a heavy business in the criminal and divorce lines.

Business is fair. I cannot give you much idea of the grain trade. The gamblers have full control of the market, and prices are up and down on the account as the Bulls or Bears prevail. Our market is wholly unreliable, as the extreme and rapid fluctuations show. Money—that is, currency—is altogether too plenty, stimulating speculation in everything. A sudden fall in grain last week knocked over quite a number of operations, who had bought or sold to deliver. The grain-gamblers are a great curse to Chicago, and are greatly injuring our business reputation abroad, especially with the country west of us.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

WANTED, A RESPECTABLE BRASS CAPTEAL.

A Young Man Swindled Out of Many Hundred Dollars—He Makes an Assignment for a Situation—His Principal Gives Him the Slip—Arrest of an Alleged Absconder.

Notwithstanding the warnings that are given by the Press every day, and the occasional exposition of frauds that are perpetrated in this City, there are persons verdant enough to allow themselves to be led into traps by the simplest means imaginable. An instance which shows how truthfully this describes the gullibility of many persons occurred in this City last week, and was brought to the attention of Mayor HOFFMAN yesterday.

It appears from an affidavit sworn to before the Mayor by PERRY VLIET, of No. 148 Montgomery-street, Jersey City, that on the 17th inst., being anxious to obtain some employment, and seeing in the *Herald* the following advertisement:

WANTED—A man with small capital, to take charge of a store in the country. Apply to MOORE & Co., No. 4 New-Chambers-street, Room No. 4.

he accordingly made application at No. 4 New Chambers-street, where he met Mr. W. R. MOORE and a man to whom he was introduced as Dr. JOSEPH W. STEWART; that Dr. STEWART represented that he had a store in Spencerport, Monroe County, N. Y., for which he required the services of a good, faithful and attentive clerk; that Mr. VLIET signified his willingness to be that interesting person, and hoped that his application would meet with Dr. STEWART'S approbation; that Dr. STEWART announced that he thought he (VLIET) would be a very suitable person for his store, but, as he had not known him before, he would require a deposit of $300 as security, to insure the faithful performance of the duties which should be assigned to him—a correct book account of all transactions and an honest exhibit of all moneys received and disbursed, for which he should receive $75 per month, payable every month; that VLIET thereupon signified his willingness to enter into such an engagement, but he thought it the part of a prudent man to require a written agreement relating to the matter; that STEWART was only too willing to make an agreement, and did draw one up, which he signed and to which he attached an Internal Revenue stamp in requisite form, whereupon Mr. VLIET paid over his deposit of $300, and his employer made arrangements to accompany Dr. STEWART to Spencerport, there to enter upon the discharge of his important functions as clerk.

On the 23d inst., Mr. VLIET was prepared to proceed to Spencerport, and called at Mr. MOORE'S room where he met Dr. STEWART, also ready to depart. Accordingly, they both went together to the Harlem Railroad Depot, at Twenty-sixth-street and Fourth-avenue, where it suddenly occurred to Dr. S. that he should go to the hotel and get his wife, who was also to be one of the party to Spencerport. In order to get the mythical Mrs. STEWART, the accomplished Doctor left—Mr. VLIET remaining at the depot until late in the evening, neither Dr. STEWART nor his wife making their appearance. Next day Mr. VLIET went to Spencerport, by himself, and prosecuted inquiries as to the missing STEWART, but only to learn that no such person and no such place kept by any such person had been known in or about Spencerport for at least ten years. Mr. VLIET returned to the City yesterday, went to the room of Mr. MOORE, who, by the way, had received $5 from him for introducing him to STEWART, disputed for Stewart, visited all that had transpired, but failed to obtain any respectful attention at the hands of the said MOORE. Under these circumstances, Mr. VLIET went to Mayor HOFFMAN, who had MOORE arrested. When the latter appeared before the Mayor he insisted upon being regarded in straightforward and in good faith in his connection with the transaction described by Mr. VLIET. The Mayor, not being satisfied as to the rectitude of the method employed to raise money, sent Mr. MOORE to the Tombs, where he will remain, unless bailed out, to await the action of the Grand Jury, providing some of the humane lawyers who haunt the City Prison do not succeed in securing a release by habeas corpus. The man personating himself as Dr. JOSEPH W. STEWART, of Spencertown, is yet at large, enjoying the use of Mr. VLIET'S generous deposit of $300, or his share of it.

HEAVY EMBEZZELEMENT BY A BANK CLERK.

Over Forty Thousand Dollars in Bonds and Bank Notes Missing—Arrest of the Operator.

A very peculiar case of embezzlement by a banking clerk, involving the loss of over $40,000, has just been made public. It appears that some time during the month of April, Mr. WILLIAM E. A. MACKINTOSH, a member of the firm of Messrs. DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., brokers and bankers, of No. 11 Nassau-street, appeared before Justice DOWLING at the Tombs Police Court, and preferred a complaint against LOUIS A. COLIN for embezzlement. In his affidavit the complainant stated that COLIN had been formerly in the employ of the firm during 1864, and that he had at various times embezzled Government and railroad bonds, and National Bank currency, to the amount of over $40,000, appropriating the funds so obtained to his own use. Some six months since COLIN left the employ of the firm, and it was nearly four months after his withdrawal that the fact of the embezzlement was discovered. The following is the affidavit filed by Mr. MACKINTOSH:

WILLIAM E. A. MACKINTOSH, of said New-York City, being duly sworn, says that he is one of the surviving partners of the firm or co-partnership of DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., of the City of New-York, Bankers, which firm or copartnership was composed of WILLIAM BUELL DUNCAN, DAVID DUNCAN, this deponent and MAYER SHERMAN, now deceased; deponent further says that during the year 1864, and prior thereto, LOUIS A. COLIN was in the employ of said firm or copartnership, in the capacity of clerk, and as such clerk had the custody of the box of said copartnership in which were contained valuable securities and effects deposited with said partnership by persons traveling or otherwise having need to send funds to foreign countries, and which securities were held by said copartnership as collateral security for credits issued by said copartnership in favor of or upon the application of such persons, such valuable securities consisting in part of the United States bonds and United States Treasury notes, State bonds of Railway, and other corporations which were payable to bearer; deponent further says that at different times during the said year 1864, the precise date being unknown to deponent, the said LOUIS A. COLIN, then being the clerk of said firm or copartnership as aforesaid, did without the assent of his employers take from said box divers of the said valuable securities and effects therein contained, with the intent to embezzle and convert the same to his own use, and especially the following described valuable securities and effects; that is to say, $20,000 of United States six per cent. coupon bonds, commonly known as five-twenty bonds, $8,750 of United States Treasury notes, $10,000 of bonds of the Lake Erie, Wabash and St. Louis Railroad Company, and one California State bond for $1,000; said securities in the aggregate exceeding in value the sum of $40,000; the said securities being the property of and belonging to customers of said dealers with the said copartnership, and the said copartnership having a lien thereon as security for advances under letters of credit granted as aforesaid to the owners; and deponent further says that this said LOUIS A. COLIN having taken the said securities in the manner and with the intent aforesaid, did at divers dates in said year 1864, the precise dates being unknown to deponent, at the city of New-York, embezzle and convert the said securities to his own use, and without the assent or knowledge of his said employers, by depositing the same with brokers, bankers and others, as security for transactions and undertakings by said COLIN with or through said bankers, brokers or persons, for the individual account of him the said COLIN.

On this affidavit Justice DOWLING issued a warrant for COLIN'S arrest and it was placed in Capt. JOURDAN'S hands for execution. After considerable search the officer succeeded in arresting the prisoner. The prisoner is very communicative, but it is understood that he has been travelling in Europe for some months, where he has been living very extravagantly. He is a native of Prussia, and 35 years of age. He was yesterday arraigned before Justice DOWLING and remanded for further examination in default of $40,000 bail. None of the stolen funds have been recovered.

HOMICIDE IN FOURTH-STREET.

Two Sailors Quarrel and one Killed in the Affray—Escape of the Murderer.

About 8 o'clock last night a young man named RICHARD POLLARD, twenty-four years of age, a native of Ireland, and unmarried, was seen going into the basement of No. 166 East Fourth-street, occupied by WILLIAM CONNICK, tailor. Soon after the occupant of the basement came out and started down street. About 9 o'clock some children who were playing in the entry discovered the dead body of young POLLARD, covered with blood, and lying across the threshold of the apartments occupied by CONNICK. The fact was soon communicated to the patrolmen on post, and afterward to Capt. MOURT, of the Seventeenth Precinct. Considerable excitement was also occasioned by the news of a murder having been committed.

Capt. MOURT and several other officers of his force at once proceeded to the scene of the tragedy, and took possession of the premises where the murdered man was first discovered. On making a survey of the premises, the Police found that POLLARD had met with his death by being stabbed in the right breast, just below the clavicle, with some sharp and powerful instrument. The body was still warm, and bleeding profusely, while the floor of the apartment was covered with fast congealing blood. The deceased had evidently fallen in the death agony where he was found, as the position of the body was a natural one. The appearance of the corpse was ghastly from the rapid flow of blood. Upon a chair near the door lay the coat and vest of the murdered man, slightly saturated with blood, and on the latter was a wide cut corresponding to the location of the wound. On the bed was found a linen shirt, soiled with wear, and stained with blotches of blood. The shirt had evidently

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Unusual Movements and Miscellaneous Gossip—Field Day of the Second Brigade—Changes in the National Guard.

Owing to the more important movements in the National Guard having been already fully reported in the Times during the week, there remains but little to be published of an interesting character. The only prominent movement occurring next week will be the proposed field day of the Second Brigade, which will come off to-morrow at East New-York. This brigade is now under the temporary command of Col. LOUIS BOSSEN, of the 9th Regiment, and consists of the 1st Regiment of Artillery and the 3d, 5th, 8th, 12th, 84th and 96th Regiments of Infantry. The line of this parade will be formed at the drill-ground at East New-York, at 1 o'clock P. M., precisely. The several infantry regiments, after their arrival on the ground, will be exercised in the School of the Battalion and in street-firing, until the brigade line is formed. Col. TELLER, commanding the 1st Artillery, will order a battery of pieces, with caissons and six rounds of ammunition, and will drill his companies, in turn, at the pieces. The Brigade Staff will assemble, mounted, at Washington Parade Ground, at 1:30 o'clock, A. M. The engineer officers will report, mounted, to the Brigade Major, on the drill-ground. Major-Gen. SANDFORD and Staff will review the Brigade at 4 P. M.

The 12th Regiment, Col. WM. G. WARD commanding, will parade in full marching order, with knapsacks, (or rockets rolled,) and one day's cooked rations. The line will form on the north side of Washington-square, right on Fifth-avenue, at 7½ o'clock A. M.

The 96th Regiment, Col. JOHN D. KERRIGAN commanding, will, on this occasion, turn out in fatigue uniform; rank and file to be covered caps, without pompons. Regimental line will be formed at 7:45 o'clock A. M., on Second-avenue, right on Houston-street. Roll-call of companies, at the Regimental Armory, at 7:15 o'clock A. M.

The 8th Regiment, Lieut.-Col. ANTON METZ commanding, will parade uniformed, (uniform cord, without sash,) and fatigued, (cap,) armed and equipped. Each member will provide himself with one day's rations. Regimental line will be formed in Houston-street, in front of the Regimental Armory, at fifteen minutes before 8 o'clock A. M. Colors to be received on the ground.

FIELD DAY OF THE ELEVENTH BRIGADE.

Great preparations are being made for the proposed field days of the Cavalry Brigade and the Eleventh Brigade, to be held at East New-York on the 7th of June. In accordance with General Orders No. 9, issued by Gen. JESSE C. SMITH, commanding the Eleventh Brigade, consisting of the Howitzer Battery Artillery, 23d, 47th, 74th and 79th Regiments of Infantry, will assemble at East New-York on Thursday, June 7, prox., at 9 o'clock A. M. The regiments and howitzer battery will be practiced during the forenoon by their respective Commandants. Brigade line will be formed at 2½ o'clock, and parade dismissed at 5 o'clock P. M.

Pursuant to Regimental Orders No. 1, the 47th Regiment, Col. J. J. STEVENSON, commanding, will assemble at the Armory, on Thursday, June 7th, prox., at 8 o'clock A. M., in fatigue uniform, and proceed to East New-York. The Field and Staff (mounted), will report to the Colonel, at the Armory, at 7½ o'clock A. M. The Non-Commissioned Staff, Band and Drum Corps will report to the Adjutant at the same time and place. The Drum Major will also lead the Drum Corps in properly mounted. The Quartermaster will provide wagon transportation. Regimental line will be formed at 8½ o'clock, A. M.

THE TWELFTH REGIMENT.

Col. WARD, of the 12th Regiment, informs the command that, in accordance with orders from brigade headquarters, a Court-Martial will convene at the regimental armory, corner of Broadway and Fourth-street, on Tuesday, 29th instant, at 4 o'clock P. M. Detail for said Court, Capt. WILLIAM V. BYRNE. Charges and delinquencies to be presented to said Court for adjustment, other than those already sent in must be sent to the President of said Court in a sealed envelope, properly indorsed, on or before 3 o'clock P. M. of that day. Returns already in the hands of the Colonel, with squad warrants accompanying same, will be handed to the court. Officers delinquent are notified that the imprisonment and fine are added to the militia law at the last session of the Legislature.

The action of the several companies below, in making the following expulsions for neglect of duty and violation of company by-laws, are approved, and the names enumerated are ordered to be stricken from the roll of the regiment: William Tyler, Company C, No. 6 Harrison-street; Charles C. Bigelow, Company C, No. 11 Broadway; George A. Middleton, Company C, No. 180 William-street; E. N. Sterrit, Company C, No. 86 Chambers-street; Samuel Graham, Company F; John H. Mathews, Company F; Lewis F. Hannier, Company G; Joseph W. Mitchell, Company G. An error made in printing General Order No. 8 in thus corrected: T. S. MOORE, No. 419½ Grand-street, was expelled from Company D, not H. S. WOOD.

Chas. CHARLES D. BLAIN, Company K, having been reported to the Adjutant-General's Department as incompetent to perform his duties, and having, after due notice, refused or neglected to appear for examination before the Commission appointed pursuant to section 91 of the Military Law, he is, upon the recommendation of said Commission, honorably dismissed the military service of the State of New-York.

The battalion drill and parade of the 12th Regiment on Tuesday last, was a most gratifying success. The command appeared to great advantage in their recently revived leather-lagging's, and the fine exercise of the Regiment vividly recalled the days of 1861, when the 12th marched for Washington under Col. FRENFIELD. We were especially pleased with the discipline and appearance of the Drum Corps attached to this Regiment. The drill in Washington Parade Ground was highly creditable to the officers, and gave abundant proof of the care exercised and assistent study maintained by both the line and field officers during the drill season just closed. Col. WARD has reason to be proud of his command.

FIRST BRIGADE OF CAVALRY.

The following order has been issued by Brig.-Gen. BROOKS FOSTER, commanding the newly-created Cavalry Brigade: Commandants of regiments will forthwith make the returns required by section No. 495 of the "General Regulations." In conformity with the act of Congress, in that behalf, and directions from general headquarters, the "Cavalry Tactics" issued by Brig.-Gen. PHILIP ST. GEORGE COOKE, and ordered for the government of the cavalry of the United States by the War Department, under date of November 1, 1861, will be the work of instruction for this brigade. "All additions to, or departures from, the exercise and manœuvres laid down in that system are positively forbidden." The attention of commandants of regiments is called to sections Nos. 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 157 and 158 of the "Military Code," and sections Nos. 495, 508, 527, 536, 668, 672 and 703 of the General Regulations. The commissioned and non-commissioned officers of the Brigade will assemble in stable dress for drill purposes, within the armory of the Third Regiment, on Wednesday, the 6th day of June, prox., at 9 o'clock P. M. This Brigade will assemble at East New-York at 10 o'clock A. M. on Thursday, the 7th day of June next, for a field day.

THE FIFTH REGIMENT.

Pursuant to Special Orders No. 8, received from headquarters Second Brigade, dated New-York, May 1, 1866, the First Sergeants of this regiment are hereby ordered, from and after this date, to parade with muskets, on all occasions, and not as right guides of the respective companies, as prescribed in Tactics and Regulations.

Commandants of companies will forthwith hand in the descriptive list of their respective companies to these headquarters.

Surgeon's Mate WM. TRUEMAN, of this regiment, is appointed Surgeon, with rank from April 1, 1866.

THE NINETY-SIXTH REGIMENT.

The following changes have occurred in the 96th Regiment:

The Tenth Company, Company G, has been mustered into the service of the State on March 10, 1866, and Capt. C. KNIPSCHILD, with rank from March 19, 1866, and First Lieut. CHARLES BONNEMANN, with rank from April 3, 1866, have been commissioned, by the Governor, as officers of the same. Chas. Rehfeldt had been commissioned as First Lieutenant of Company F, with rank from Feb. 26, 1866.

Quartermaster LOUIS FRANCKE and Second Lieut. FRED. LATZ, of Company D, have resigned and their resignations have been accepted by the Commander-in-Chief.

First Lieut. AUG. HEUER, of Company H, has been appointed Quartermaster of this Regiment.

The name of LOUIS SCHOENEL, formerly First Lieutenant of Company B, has been dropped from the roll for leaving the district without leave of absence and under disgraceful circumstances.

Corp. FRANZ REICHINGER, of Company F, has been appointed Commissary Sergeant, in place of Commissary Sergeant, promoted to the ranks; JACOB FORR, of Company G, Eight General Guide, and CHARLES AMANN, of the same Company, Left General Guide of this command.

All the overcoats, which are the property of the State, in charge of this regiment, and of those now present in the possession of the members of the same, are hereby ordered over to the Regimental Quartermaster, at the ARMORY, on or before Friday, the 1st day of June, 1866. Commandants of companies will be made personally responsible, by the Commandant of the regiment, for the faithful execution of this order.

Commandants of companies are also cautioned to receive no more recruits into their commands unless they are sparrowbeak, by evidence, that the same are citizens of the United States, or have declared their intention to become such, and are residing in this county.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

The following items of news are contained in recent orders from headquarters of the 14th Regiment:

Commandants of companies will cause to be made a complete roster of the members of their respective commands, who have served in the field and been honorably discharged, and have the same completed by June 15; the names appearing on this roster will be entitled to a medal from the City of Brooklyn.

In pursuance of Brigade orders a Court-martial, of which Major HENRY T. HEAD is President, for the trial of delinquents from drills and parades and offenses against the by-laws of companies, will be held on Wednesday, June 6, at the City Armory, as

THE FORTY-SEVENTH REGIMENT.

The following changes are announced in Col. STEPHENSON'S regiment:

Resignations—Lieut. THOS. P. BROWN, Co. A; Lieut. NAT. L. FOSTER, Co. B; Lieut. G. C. KIMBALL, Co. C; Lieut. CHAS. W. HAYES, Co. E; Lieut. A. R. POOLE, Co. F.

Promotions—Capt. DAVID E. AUSTEN, to be Major; First Lieut. G. W. HEAD, to be Captain of Co. B; Second Lieut. A. A. DUCOMET, to be First Lieutenant of Co. B.

Elections—Geo. E. SUMNER, First Lieutenant, Co. C; HENRY IRWIN, First Lieutenant, Co. E; Wm. A. WOOD, Second Lieutenant, Co. G; JOHN TENNEY, First Lieutenant, Co. I; DAVID M. WARNER, Second Lieutenant, Co. K.

Expulsions—J. S. JOHNSON, L. L. SABINDERFER, JAS. V. MILLER, F. W. WOLFE, Co. B; THOS. I. ALLEN, Co. E.

RECENT CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL GUARD.

The following officers have been commissioned by the Commander-in-Chief in the National Guard, State of New-York, during the week ending May 19, 1866:

Fourth Regiment of Infantry—JOHN W. SPRAGUE-POND, Chaplain, May 14, 1866—original vacancy; PETER BUREST, Second Lieutenant, May 9, 1866, vice MULLER, promoted; R. LLOYD ROGERS, First Lieutenant, March 27, 1866, vice JOHNSTON, resigned; WM. L. CAMPION, Second Lieutenant, April 4, 1866, vice LLOYD ROGERS, promoted; F. H. CHARNEY, Captain, May 4, 1866, vice COGSWELL, resigned; ISAAC HAZE, First Lieutenant, May 4, 1866—original vacancy.

Eleventh Regiment of Infantry—DOMINICUS VIETOR, Second Lieutenant, May 3, 1866, vice BUSER, resigned.

Nineteenth Regiment of Infantry—EVERETT J. OLCOTT, Colonel, May 2, 1866, vice HALL, resigned.

Twenty-first Regiment of Infantry—CHARLES E. HAMILTON, Second Lieutenant, March 28, 1866, vice G. T. WINER, resigned.

Scotch Regiment of Infantry—CHRISTOPHER W. BRANDT, Adjutant, May 8, 1866, vice G. E. GRAY, promoted.

Sixty-ninth Regiment of Infantry—MICHAL DORAN, Captain, April 26, 1866, vice CULLEN, declined.

Eight-fourth Regiment of Infantry—JOHN J. FARRELL, First Lieutenant, May 2, 1866, vice A. HAZEMAN, resigned; WM. G. FRIDE, Quartermaster, April 2, 1866, vice S. HAZLETON, resigned.

One Hundred and Fourth Regiment of Infantry—AZARIAH C. SHUMDAGE, Lieutenant, Oct. 16, 1865, original vacancy; JAMES S. HARLOW, Adjutant, April 11, 1866, vice R. S. ROBIE, promoted.

RESIGNATIONS OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED.

The following resignations of officers in the National Guard, State of New-York, have been accepted by the Commander-in-Chief during the week ending May 19, 1866:

May 18, 28th Regiment, HENRY LOUGHRAN, Second Lieutenant, declined.

May 18, 5th Regiment, M. SELLINGER, First Lieutenant, term of service expired.

May 18, 2d Cavalry, LOUIS PELIOS, First Lieutenant, term of service expired.

May 18, 2d Cavalry, JACOB OBERMAIER, Second Lieutenant, removed from district.

May 18, Squadron of Cavalry, 5th Brigade, E. J. ATKINS, Second Lieutenant, physical disability.

May 18, 4th Regiment, R. F. YELVERTON, First Lieutenant, removal from district.

May 18, 23d Regiment, THOMAS H. BRAINERLAND, First Lieutenant, removal from district.

May 18, 66th Regiment, EDMUND CORNELLS, Second Lieutenant, term of service expired.

May 18, 104th Regiment, REUS W. BARNES, Captain, declined.

MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

Brig.-Gen. CHARLES YATES, commanding the Second Brigade, has resigned his commission. Considerable rivalry exists among the Colonels in that command for the position vacated by him. Cols. WARD and BURNHAM dividing the honors.

The 7th Regiment are making strenuous efforts to complete the necessary preliminaries for their proposed visit to Paris, in order to be present at the great International Exhibition. The project promises to be a success.

The First Division Board for the examination begin their labors on the 1st of July. The sittings will be continued daily. It is understood that the proposed examinations will be very rigid.

Tompkins-square will be cleared of the unsightly trees and obstructions now standing thereon during the ensuing month. When completed this square will prove of great value to the First Division.

The Webster Light Guard, Co. E, 13th Regiment, will hold their annual festival and pic-nic on or about the 14th proximo. Capt. MCAFEE is progressing admirably with this command.

Col. M. T. MCMAHON, of the 69th Regiment, has made himself very popular with his command by his energetic efforts to secure for the regiment a new outfit. The new uniform now being manufactured for the 69th is of the most elegant pattern. Trimmings for officers will be of gold, and for the privates red. The United States Army regulation hat will also be worn, and the roll-knot will be substituted for the scales.

The 1st Regiment of artillery, 1st and 3d Regiments cavalry, 1st, 2d, 4th, 8th, 8th, 15th, 69th, 69th and 98th Regiments of infantry, are soon to receive stands of colors from the Joint Committee on National Affairs, of the Boards of Aldermen and Councilmen. The right and left wings of the 11th Regiment (RIFLES), held battalion drills on Monday and Tuesday evenings last at the State Arsenal. The attendance was fair. We were not favorably impressed with the execution of the several commands, and the apparent looseness of company drill since the past Winter, greatly marred the wing drills. Lieut.-Col. LUX is a good officer, and fully understands his duties, when in motion, is not calculated to preserve discipline in the regiment. The rank and file should be taught to stand immovable while at the "parade rest." Curiosity to see how other companies execute the manual of arms is very natural, but the effect is distressing to the spectators.

A promenade concert of the 9th Regiment will take place to-morrow evening at the Regimental Armory Twenty-sixth-street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the departure of the regiment for the seat of war. The preparations for the event have been progressing for some time. Tickets may be obtained of the Executive Committee, and also at D. BRAINERD'S, No. 9 Maiden-lane; B. D. BRADLEY'S Floral Depot, Broadway, near Twenty-third-street, and at Armory on Monday, 23d inst. Military gentlemen will appear in uniform.

The regiment will assemble at its armory in Twenty-sixth-street at 2:30 P. M. to-morrow, and march down to the City Hall Park, where it will be reviewed by the Mayor, Gens. HALL and HENDRICKSON, at 4 P. M.

Adjt. J. J. LIEBENAU, of the 7th Regiment, has been appointed an Aide-de-Camp on Gov. FENTON'S Staff, with the rank of Colonel.

An inspection will be held in Company B, 22d Regiment, to-morrow evening. The members are ordered to appear in uniform, with white gloves, without Fraysacks, at 7:30 o'clock. It is expected that Gen. LLOYD ASPINWALL will inspect. Members will see that their uniforms are put in good order at once. It is confidently expected that this will be the largest inspection ever made by this company. The fine for absence will be strictly enforced.

VENDERS' APPEALS.

The Feminine Liquor-Dealers—Second Hearings Yesterday.

On Friday morning the Excise Board's Committee on Applications for License sat in Police Trial Chamber to hear those women of New-York and Brooklyn whose sole source of revenue is the sale of liquors. The Police Captains of the Metropolitan District attended in force, to confront the applicants from their respective precincts. At 9 o'clock the room was nearly full, and at 10 o'clock seats were in demand, all the chairs in which the blue-coats are usually arrayed being filled by women of from twenty-five Summers to that unmentionable age concerning which it is dangerous to make inquiry. All were attired in the most sombre mourning. The Brooklyn applicants, having the furthest travel, were called first, and those to whom indorsed application papers were granted were at once taken, under the escort of a police Policeman, to Room No. 35, and there courteously entertained by Col. BAKEMAN, Inspector of Excise. When the Committee reached the Eighth Ward of this City, and had unanimously rejected the applications of two females from Broome-street, a fashionably attired and overjeweled female whose name, as rendered by Capt. MEEKS, is LAURA BARNDORN, rose and flounced out of the room. Many an honest widow whose protector has left her the legacy of a small dram-shop appealed in vain for the privilege of selling beer with her groceries; but the Committee's sympathies were not enlisted to gain the mastery, and each of these small dealers so favorably the shadow of pecuniary ruin in their path were consistently advised to make the experiment of selling good coffee and cocoa.

One woman of prepossessing address informed the Committee that she had been previously convicted to every conceivable crime to get an honest living without selling liquors in her little store, but when they refused all means of support, and when they could not get bread at her store, went elsewhere to make other purchases, and there they drove her into the business. Seventy-nine women applied, and forty-four are to be licensed.

THE ASSAULT UNDERHEAT.

Yesterday morning all the Police captains of the City were summoned to the General Office, of the Police Department, to testify concerning those residents who appear to be a needed hearing. The attendance of dealers was large—so crowding the vicinity of the Audience Chamber. On the platform with Commissioners ACTON, BOSWORTH and ACKERMAN, (who was understood to have been several gentlemen who were unadmitted to have been requested to follow the Committee among them), Messrs. VERNEY and GRAVES and Messrs. BENNETT, ROGERS and GEORGE H. OTHER. The aged Superintendent of Police sat at the Commissioner's right, with

Passengers Sailed.

MAY 26—*In steamship City of New York, for Liverpool*—Mrs. O. J. Holman, Mrs. Garrett, Miss Lizzie Baxter, Mrs. M. O. Sullivan and child, Miss Sullivan and child, Mrs. A. Fry, Mrs. Rain, H. Babcock, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Van Norden and wife, Richard Miller, Dr. J. Abbrathama, Charles E. Hawthorn and lady, T. Hoskyns and wife, Lewis A. Reeder, Dr. White, George Wetherware, Mr. Lewis, wife and child, Charles Schaper, Mrs. Mary Ann Montreal; John A. Dix, Mrs. Hannigate and two daughters, R. Stedman, Mrs. Stedman, George Perry, Lawrence Kipper, wife and two children, of New York; A. Vega, Jose Miranda, Hipnio Castellos, of London; Jose A. Sanchez, Miss Rosanna, Miss Sophie Hoffingworth, Miss Macky, of Philadelphia; Mrs. E. Hixon, Gen. J. G. Pinckney, Mrs. Pinckney, Lieut. Hixon, of New York; Samuel Parrott, Master Stark, Mrs. Stark, Miss Turner, John Chaney, A. W. Lindsay, C. Haskiel, Dr. W. F. Barton, Dr. Cuppaen, A. Neil Sewell, Clement Hoskyns, Mrs. Hoskyns and child, of Chicago; A. C. Courtelott, of Providence; A. S. Matheson and son, E. Pozzado and wife, Theodore W. Meigs, James Ingalls, Mrs. Osgood and 4 children, Richard Williamson, Mrs. Hall, John McCabe, Joseph Sherer, John Davis, B. R. Baughman, of Boston, Simon Cumming, Dumias Cresswell, of Paris, Tommy de la Cuista of Havana, Fanny Monsert, Havana, Mrs. Valcbe of Havana, Mrs. M. D. Hall, Miss Hall, Miss Alice Hall, Alfred Frederick Farlabbe, James Clarkson, Dudley Mumford, Mrs. Mumford and child, Mrs. Hall, Ernes